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## OTTAWA PREPS FOR SNOW AS-SALT

City of Ottawa workers were busy Thursday getting ready for a slippery onslaught as Environment Canada was calling for five to 10 cm of snow by Friday morning, with temperatures at around -6 C. A messy mix of snow and ice pellets is expected to dump another five cm on the city by Friday night. After a break Saturday, more snow and ice is expected Sunday. For more on the city's preparations see page 8.

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## Military set to scrap \$2B truck order

### Armoured vehicles.

Cost-cutting move made as rumours swirl about bidders taking legal action to recover millions in test costs

An armoured-vehicle program, once deemed essential to protect soldiers from roadside bombs, is being ditched by the Harper government, say defence and government sources.

The \$2.1-billion, close-combat vehicle acquisition joins a long list of troubled and failed military procurements.

An official announcement is set for Friday, when the country's top military commander is expected to recommend that the government not proceed, allowing three private-sector bids to expire by Monday's deadline without selecting a winner.

Gen. Tom Lawson is also

expected to underscore that the decision is military, not political. A senior government source confirmed the program is dead, a move defence industry sources had already heard early Thursday.

The plan to buy 108, 36-tonne vehicles, meant to carry troops but also to fight like light tanks, has been on tenuous ground for months, as the army expressed doubts it could afford the new fleet under the current budget restraints.

The army's baseline budget has been slashed by as much as 22 per cent since 2011 and defence sources say it will likely drop by another 10 per cent by the end of next year.

National Defence is expected to slash between \$2.1 billion and \$2.5 billion from its budget by next year without cutting the size of the Forces — something defence experts say will mean drastic reductions in training and operations.

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## Crime

**Ottawa police investigate two sexual assaults in 24 hours**

Ottawa police are investigating a sexual assault on a young woman in Orleans only a day after reporting another woman was attacked in the Glebe.

The most recent assault happened Wednesday at 11:15 p.m. in the Father Richard Ward Park in Orleans. Police say a woman in her early 20s was walking through the park near the intersection of Bordeaux Grove and Vineyard Drive when a man grabbed her from behind, pushed her to the ground, sexually assaulted her and fled.

The suspect is described as having a thin build, measuring between five feet nine inches and five feet 10 inches tall, wearing a black ski mask, a black hood, a black parka type jacket, black boots and dark gloves.

On Tuesday, police had received a similar complaint of a sex assault near the Glebe in which a man whose face was partially covered by a neck warmer attacked a woman from behind also at 11:15 p.m. and sexually assaulted her.

The suspect in that case is described as a male in his late teens with a medium build. He was wearing black winter boots and a black puffy jacket with a hood.

Anyone with information on these sexual assaults is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service sexual assault and child abuse section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5944 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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Teacher Jaylene Kostiuk, left, leads an all-day kindergarten class in song at James S. Bell Elementary on the first day of school in 2010. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# School board planning 130 new classrooms

**\$1.3 million price tag.** OCDSB are going ahead with upgrades to create much-needed classrooms for full-day kindergarten



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The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is scrambling to outfit 130 classrooms for full-day kin-

dergarten by September and it's spending \$1.3 million of its own money to get a "jump start," as they await funding announcements from the province.

The 130 classrooms are spread out across 27 different schools in the city — rooms that need tables, chairs, desks, water, sand tables, books and other learning supplies. OCDSB associate director Walter Piovesan said it should cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000 to outfit each of the classrooms with furniture and other tools "to engage students in their

learning."

Piovesan noted that the school board can't wait for the province to announce funding, so they are going ahead with the upgrades — otherwise they won't be ready to accommodate the flood of students coming in next year. He said he is confident the Ministry of Education will reimburse the board.

"We want to make sure that we get our orders in on time, so that we have the stuff that we have to start in September of next year," said Piovesan.

"It's very important. We want our classrooms ready to greet students so that learning can happen the first day of school; otherwise they are walking into empty classrooms."

Piovesan said this year's investment is the last in a five year, \$1.5 billion provincial rollout for full-day kindergarten across the city.

The elementary schools getting new classrooms include Bayview, Castor Valley, Lakeview, Pleasant Park, Rockcliffe Park, Steve MacLean, Berrigan, Hopewell and Chapman Mills, among others.

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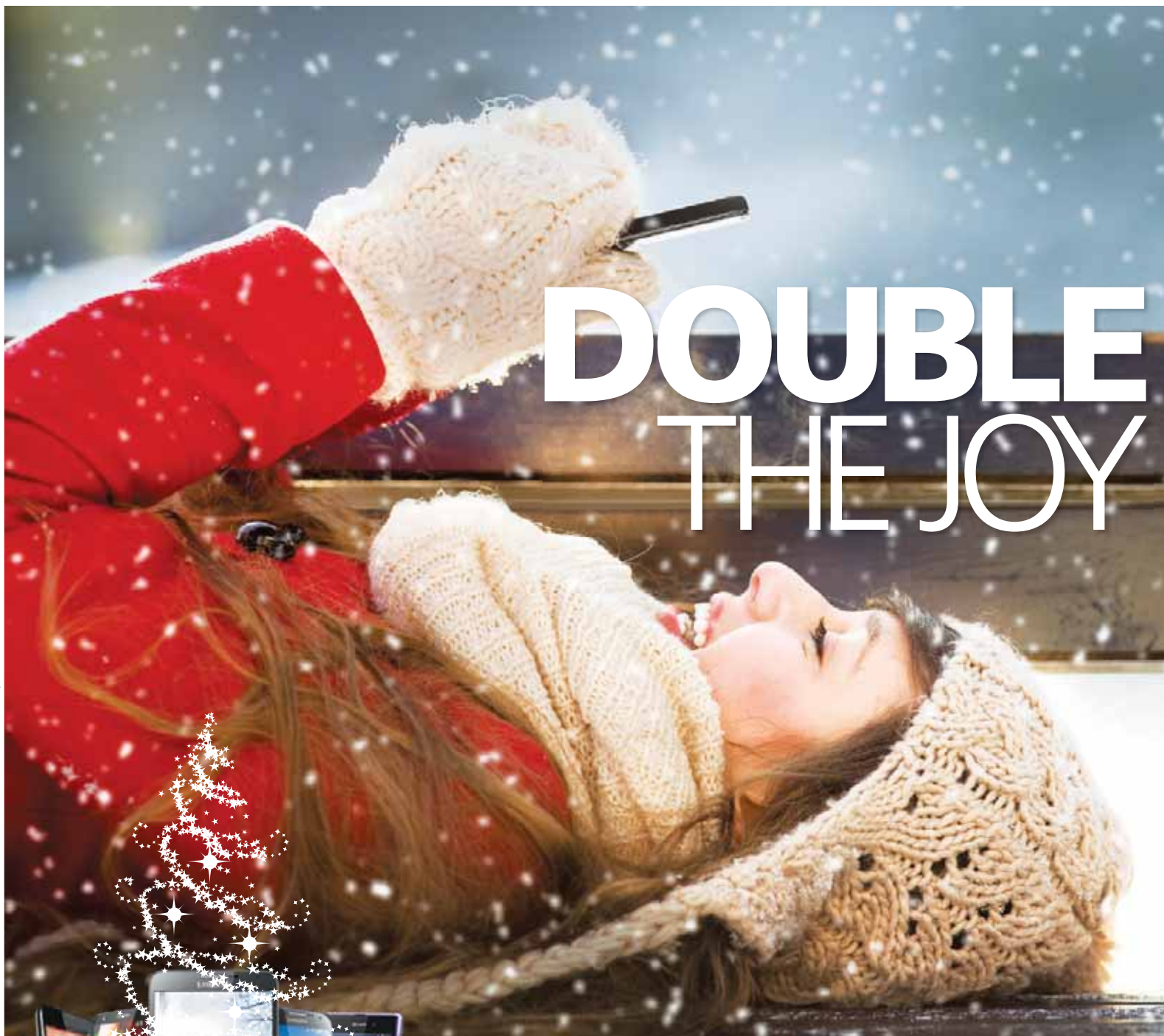
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# Police offering \$50K reward in Amy Paul murder investigation

Ottawa police are offering a \$50,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person who killed Amy Paul, 27.

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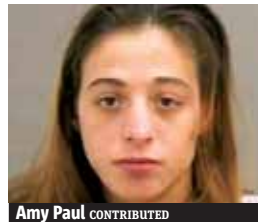
sing since the first week of September 2013.

"The Ottawa Police Service is looking for information that can assist investigators in the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrator(s) of this senseless and horrific crime," said Insp. John Maxwell,

head of major case investigations in a news release.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Ottawa Police Service Major Crime Section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5493 or Crime Stoppers 613-233-8477 or toll free 1-800-222-8477.

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Amy Paul CONTRIBUTED

# Bail on hold till 2014 in Wassill murder case

**Accused remains behind bars.** Family grapples with loss of loved one, court process



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Carson Morin, the man charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing death of 20-year-old Michael Wassill, will spend Christmas behind bars after his bail hearing on Thursday was adjourned at the request of his lawyer.

Wassill's throat was slashed with a knife on May 15 at his home while he was trying to protect his female friend from a man who allegedly had been stalking her, according to his uncle, Paul Champ. After suffering severe brain damage, Wassill died in hospital on May 23.

Ottawa police charged Morin, 21, with second-degree murder, but the charge was upgraded in June following Wassill's death.

Natasha Calvinho, appearing in court on behalf of Morin's lawyer, William Mur-

ray, asked that the matter be put on hold until next year because new disclosure was made available by the Crown this week.

Morin will return to court on Jan. 10 so the Crown and defence can set a date for a judicial pre-trial.

Thursday was the first time Wassill's mother, Betty-Ann, and sister, Sarah, saw Morin in person. Champ, who sat next to them with his wife, said they were all on "an emotional edge" before the appearance.

"He seems to avoid looking at us or in our direction," said Champ in an interview after the court appearance.

Champ said Ottawa police have done more investigation into the relationship between Morin and the young woman Wassill was trying to protect.

"We were looking forward to hearing more of that," he said. "The family just wants closure."

In September the Wassills struggled through Michael's first birthday without him there and next week they will go through the same pain on Christmas.

"It's going to be very painful and hard," said Champ. "We're going through all these things for the first time."

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Ottawa Redblacks fullback John Delahunt poses with his mom at Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School on Thursday for a promotional campaign. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

# Ottawa native pumped to play football in front of home crowd

**Ottawa Redblacks.** Newly drafted John Delahunt hangs with Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School students and speaks to Metro about playing at home

John Delahunt has no car. So he's been hitching a ride from his mom all week to get to the

Ottawa Redblacks media and promo events around the city.

The 26-year-old fullback — an Ottawa native — was plucked from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats during the CFL expansion draft earlier this week.

Although he is leaving the team he started his career with last year — a team that took him to the Grey Cup in his rookie season — Delahunt said he can't wait to don the red and black and play in the place he grew up. "Just thinking about

playing in front of family and friends and just being able to live in Ottawa year-round — my home town, where I grew up — is a great opportunity and it will be an awesome experience," said Hunt, flanked by Redblacks personnel and his mom, Anne Murphy.

The crew was at Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School for a promotional assembly with students Thursday morning.

"It will be a surreal moment, but I will be focused on what

needs to be done. I won't let the moment get too big."

Delahunt's mom was thrilled when she heard her son's name announced as an Ottawa Redblack Monday. It means she will see more of her rough and tough son, who towers over her at six-foot-three and 243 pounds.

"The option of Ottawa was fantastic and to be able to be here, he has got a ton of friends and family," said Murphy adding that her family's Christmas

gathering Friday will be about 40-strong.

She told Metro that she grew up just blocks from the Frank Clair Stadium at Lansdowne Park watching the city's former CFL team, the Roughriders.

She's waiting in anticipation for when she gets to see her baby boy take to that same field.

"To be able to go back there and have my own son playing, it's going to be very cool," she said. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

## Creating a buzz

**Team hopes 'exciting players,' will help draw fans**

Delahunt isn't the lone Ti-Cat headed to the nation's capital.

The RedBlacks also selected offensive lineman Marwan Hage and running back Chevon Walker, who Delahunt calls an "exciting player" who can "take a five-yard run and bust it for 90."

It's these exciting players that RedBlacks media relations manager Barre Campbell hopes will draw in fans and created a buzz around the team before the season kicks off next summer.

"It's vital to have a person that knows the city, that can connect with our fans," said Campbell.

"The CFL is all about making connections with the fans and when you have players that are enthusiastic and as personable as a guy like John, it makes a big difference."

Delahunt spent his college years in University of Connecticut before joining the Tiger-Cats last year.

The full back caught nine passes for 104 yard in his rookie CFL year and netted two touchdowns.

Delahunt played in last year's Grey Cup, but his team lost 45-23 to the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

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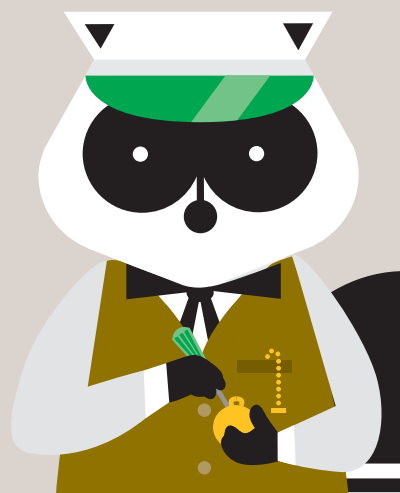
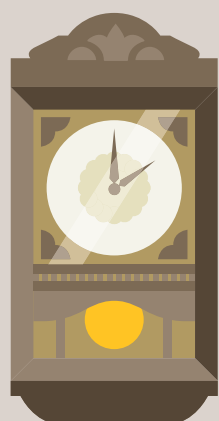
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## Storminators, ready. Ottawa busts out 200 machines for storm



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Ottawa has geared up for a night of wet, heavy snow that was expected to start late Thursday night and turn into ice pellets by the start of the weekend.

Two hundred snow-removal machines — including plows, graders and sidewalk machines — were ready for the Thursday night shift alone.

"We'll be out before the rush hour to try and get things cleared up as much as possible, but I would expect it'll be pretty slippery (Friday) in the morning rush hour," said Kevin Wylie, manager of roads and traffic for Ottawa.

"So drive with caution and watch out for pedestrians."

Plows and salt trucks will work to clear the main arteries by rush hour and take

care of the smaller routes when traffic turns heavy, explained Wylie. If it turns to ice pellets, the city's trucks will salt more heavily to break up the ice, he added.

In residential areas, they let the snow sit to absorb the rain and then they plow those roads later.

"As the weather comes, we'll have to shift gears," he said.

Wylie said it has been a "very early year" for snowfalls.

This impending storm will be the third "major event" this season — and the city is about \$10 million over its snow-removal budget. However, Ottawa has a reserve of another \$10 million that it has yet to dip into, he said.

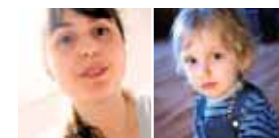
Wylie said Ottawa still has not seen as much snow as last December, when the city was covered in about 40 centimetres during the holidays.



## Gatineau cops arrest father and daughter following standoff

A Gatineau police cruiser sits out front of 924 rue Notre-Dame where a tense standoff happened over the course of Wednesday night and into early Thursday morning. A man who was armed and barricaded inside the residence with his daughter was eventually arrested with the help of a police dog. For more on the story, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca). LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

## Interpol. Gatineau mom wanted



Axelle Pascale Perry and son Figaro  
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A Gatineau mom accused of abducting her son and fleeing the country has ended up on Interpol's most-wanted list.

Axelle Pascale Perry, 25, is being sought for the abduction of her four-year-old son Figaro Lionel Nicolas Lemay-Perry.

Gatineau police, who began the investigation in the summer of 2012 before handing it off to provincial cops, said Perry was not the legal guardian and fled the country without permission from the father. "The problem ... is that she is not in the country anymore, she might be in France or somewhere else. As soon as somebody abducts someone and runs away to another country, it's not in our hands anymore," said Const. Pierre Lanthier. **TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO**

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Featherstone Estate Winery owner Louise Engel and senior winemaker David Johnson tuck vines in Vineland, Ont., in July 2008. The province has introduced a new wine strategy that allows grape growers to sell bottles in farmers' markets. SHERYL NADLER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Wine to be sold at Ottawa farmers' markets in the spring

**Boost.** Province unveiled a \$75 million wine strategy Dec. 16

Ottawa market-goers will see wine vendors next to fruit and vegetable stands next spring, but many labels will be left out.

The Ontario Liberal government unveiled a \$75 million wine strategy Dec. 16 that will allow wine producers with the province's regulatory body, Vintners Quality Alliance (VQA), to sell their bottles at farmers markets.

One Ottawa Valley grape grower is not popping any corks in celebration.

"Once again, the VQA has not taken into consideration all the smaller vineyards in

Ontario," said Paul 'Smokie' LeBlanc, owner of Smokie Ridge Vineyard in Kemptonville.

LeBlanc is not a member of the VQA because he grows "cold, hearty grapes" that can withstand -25 C temperatures, but he says they are not recognized by the alliance, whose members include wine producers in Toronto, Niagara and Picton County.

To grow VQA-certified grapes, he would have to invest in "half a million dollars" in proper machinery, plus pay an annual fee to the alliance.

"This isn't fair one bit," LeBlanc said about the new wine initiative.

Andy Terauds, vice-president of the Ottawa Farmers' Market, said the government initiative is a "welcome start" to bringing

in wine products to farmers' markets.

"We've been pushing for this for years," he said. However, he said the new initiative excludes all other types of fruit wines. He suspects it's a political decision made in advance of Niagara's byelection.

"Hopefully, someone will see a light and include other fruit wine," he said.

Philip Powell, the chair of Farmers' Markets Ontario (FMO), said it's too early to tell how the new strategy will roll out, but hopes wine vendors will be able to set up in farmers markets by next spring. He said it's a "very new and exciting opportunity for the vineyards of the province."

"It makes the markets all the more interesting," he added. "Food and wine go well together."

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# More than 75 injured as ceiling of London theatre partially collapses

**Packed house.** An evening performance turned into a disaster as masonry came crashing down onto audience members

Plaster and dust rained down on a packed audience when the ceiling of a London, England, theatre partially collapsed Thursday night. More than 75 people were injured — seven seriously, authorities said.

The collapse at the Apollo Theatre took place around 8:15 p.m. during a performance of *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time*.

Plaster and masonry from a section of the ceiling tumbled down, bringing parts of the theatre's balconies down with it onto the audience, police said.

More than 700 people were

in the theatre at the time, according to the London Fire Brigade.

Officials said most of the injured were "walking wounded" with upper-body injuries, and that all are conscious and breathing.

Police and fire officials said it was too soon to say what had caused the partial collapse of the ceiling, but that a full investigation is being carried out.

Dee Kearney said she was just three or four seats from the stage when an actor shouted "watch out!"

"Then what we felt was debris falling on us, a loud bang, and then all of a sudden there was a coat of dust," she said.

"Complete chaos" erupted as the debris rained down, said Martin Bostock, who came with his family to see the show.

"At first, we thought it was part of the show," he told Sky News. "Then I got hit on the head." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman stands bandaged and wearing a blanket given by emergency services following an incident at the Apollo Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue in London, England, on Thursday during a performance at the height of the Christmas season, with police saying there were "a number" of casualties. JOEL RYAN, INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Treating the injured

- Theatregoers were treated by dozens of emergency workers in the street outside the Apollo and at a nearby theatre.
- London Ambulance Service said it had treated 76 patients, with 51 taken to hospitals. Seven people suffered "serious injuries" but there were no fatalities and none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening.
- The fire department reported that all those trapped in the Apollo have been rescued.
- Shaftesbury Avenue, normally one of London's busiest streets, was completely shut down.



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# 'Ashley is at peace,' mom says after jury homicide verdict in cell death

**Inquest.** Sweeping recommendations made to better equip prison system to deal with mentally ill

The videotaped choking death of a teenager in her segregation cell six years ago was a homicide, a jury decided on Thursday, sparking calls for police to reopen their criminal investigation into the tragedy.

The Ashley Smith inquest decision drew a gasp from a packed coroner's courtroom, which also heard jurors make 104 recommendations on dealing with self-harming mentally ill women in federal prisons.

While the homicide decision is not a finding of legal liability, Smith's family lawyer immediately called for police to get involved, and lashed out at Correctional Service Canada.

"It is high time that those in

## Quoted

"What happened to Ashley should never have happened. The concoctions of her as being violent were false; they were concocted in a way to justify a punitive treatment of her."

Kim Pate, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

charge are held accountable," Julian Falconer said.

Falconer called for the resignation of CSC commissioner Don Head, who had warned jurors against making recommendations that would be expensive to implement.

The emotionally disturbed Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007. Guards, under orders from senior management against intervening as long as she was still breathing, waited too long to enter the cell and save her. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Recommendations

The inquest heard evidence from 83 witnesses over 107 days about how poorly equipped the prison system was to deal with the mentally ill young woman.

- Among their recommendations, jurors urged that female inmates with serious mental-health issues or self-harming behaviours should serve time in a specialized treatment facility.



Ashley Smith's family lawyers Julian Falconer, left, and Julian Roy address the media outside of the coroner's court following the Ashley Smith inquest verdict in Toronto on Thursday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Canadian news services are an important part of our democracy," CRTC chair Jean-Pierre Blais said in a statement. "Canadians, as citizens, will have access to the news services that are of interest to them and will therefore have an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of opinions on matters of public concern."

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## Road kill?

## Flipped rig spills tons of hams

A truck overturned in metro Atlanta, spilling tons of ham onto an interstate ramp.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports the truck was hauling 40,000 pounds of hams Thursday around 4 a.m. when it overturned, spilling its cargo south of Atlanta.

Authorities were work-

ing early Thursday to clear the ramp from Old National Highway to Interstate 85 southbound after the crash.

The cab of the truck was destroyed in the crash, which also caused a diesel fuel spill.

Truck driver, Rigo Vargas, said he was hauling the hams to Texas when he wrecked. He said he banged his head against the door when the rig flipped over, but wasn't seriously hurt.

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford walks by a statue of Santa as he leaves city hall on Dec. 13. Ford is offering husbands tips on what to get their wives for Christmas.

MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ho, ho, hold the Christmas presents?

**'Tis the season to cash in.** Mayor's gift-giving suggestions draw mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation

Rob Ford's tips to husbands on what to buy their wives for Christmas earned him ridicule and some angry comments Thursday.

Speaking during his weekly appearance on a Washington radio show, Rob Ford said he planned to give his wife "just money."

"Women love money," the mayor said to the hosts of Sports Junkies on 106.7 The Fan. "You give them a couple of thousand bucks and they're happy."

Ford added that while he planned to get his wife "some treats on the side," his big gift to her would be "a nice cheque."

"I get a basket and flowers and a little bit of this and that, but at the end of the day she wants her cash," he said. "So I give her a nice cheque and we're all happy."

Ford's wife, Renata, who is seldom seen in public, came to her husband's defence last month after he spouted an obscenity on live TV while denying allegations contained in police documents submitted in court.

The mayor's latest comments drew a mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation from online commenters.

"Rob Ford's understanding/respect for women is astounding," tweeted one woman.

"Dear Rob Ford, some women don't want money as gifts. I for instance, want a PlayStation 4."

"Buy your wife a gift," tweeted another.

## Quoted

**"Women love money. You give them a couple thousand bucks and they're happy."**

Rob Ford

Meanwhile, some poked fun at the mayor while referencing some of his other controversial statements.

"Rob Ford ... Christmas gifts are easy to give especially when I'm in a drunken stupor," tweeted one man.

"Women love money and men love crack. A heartwarming insight into Christmas at the Rob Ford household," tweeted another.

After months of denying reports that he had been filmed smoking what appeared to be crack cocaine, Ford admitted he had smoked the drug about a year ago in one of his "drunken stupors."

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# Epilepsy drug offers promise in AIDS fight

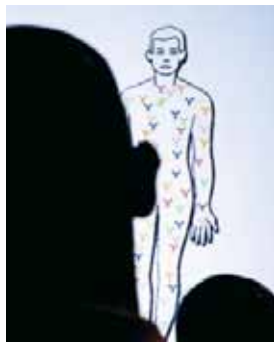
**'Works beautifully' in human tissue.**

Scientists believe it could prevent HIV from attacking the immune system

Can an experimental drug developed to treat epilepsy block the AIDS virus? A preliminary lab study suggests it's possible, and researchers are eager to try it in people.

Scientists experimented with the drug after uncovering details of how they believe HIV cripples the immune system to bring on AIDS.

When tested in human tissues in the laboratory, the drug



A presentation at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington in July. CAROLYN KESTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"works beautifully" to prevent HIV from destroying key cells of the immune system, said

Dr. Warner Greene of the Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco. Those results appear in a paper by Greene and others published Thursday on Nature.

Researchers have long known HIV infects some vital CD4 cells in the immune system and turns them into virus-producing factories, killing them in the process.

The epilepsy drug, which is not on the market, blocks an enzyme that the research identified as playing a key role in that immune system attack.

Prior studies of the drug in people show it is safe, Greene said. So the researchers are talking to the drug company about testing it in people infected with HIV. No timeline for such studies has been set, he said.

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## Love between a rock and a hard place

A couple shares a tender moment in front of a poster of jailed Ukrainian former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko during a rally in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich has been facing massive protests over his decision to spike a pact with the EU in favour of Russia. A \$15-billion bailout from Moscow, says Russian President Vladimir Putin, was aimed at helping a partner in difficulties. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Canada's largest charities

Funds raised by donations, special events (in millions)

- 1 Canadian Red Cross: \$287
- 2 World Vision: \$282.2
- 3 Canadian Cancer Society: \$188.4
- 4 Salvation Army: \$180.9
- 5 Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada: \$124
- 6 United Way Toronto: \$116.9
- 7 SickKids Foundation: \$110.1
- 8 Plan International: \$107.1
- 9 Aga Khan Foundation Canada: \$98
- 10 Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation: \$80.3

(Source: Charity Intelligence Canada)

## Giving less than Americans

0.64%

The Fraser Institute's 2013 Generosity Index found Canadians donated 0.64 per cent of their aggregate incomes to charity in 2011, half the 1.33 per cent given by United States tax filers.

## Social beings

- Social media is a novel platform for charities to spread the word and get noticed in a crowded market; the Movember fundraiser is a case in point. But a UBC-led study, The Nature of Slacktivism, found a Facebook "like" for a certain cause often translated to no donation at all. Giving via text message is also highly convenient, especially for disaster relief appeals. CharityIntelligence.ca and CharityFocus.ca offer quick, easy ways to research charities' financial reports, before using portals like CanadaHelps.org and Chimp.net to contribute.

## Women slightly more generous

4%

Women were four per cent more likely to donate money to charities than men. The 15-to-34 age group was less likely to give than baby boomers.



## Quoted

"There is far more financial pressure on young people these days than there was historically and in terms of time being squeezed for volunteering."

Prof. Peter Elson, director of the Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Calgary's Mount Royal University

## Who

- Canadians who attend a place of worship weekly are more inclined to donate and make larger donations. That's why religious organizations benefitted from \$4.26 billion in 2010 donations. The health sector (\$1.59 billion) and social services (\$1.16 billion) were next in popularity.
- Prof. Charles Weinberg of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business said planned giving takes a backseat to impulse giving at this time of year. "It's the holiday season, you're in a good mood and what about, sadly, people that don't have enough food or kids that don't have toys?"

## Total tax filers

24.8M

The number of tax filers in Canada, according to Statistics Canada: 24,841,630.

## Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve is the deadline to donate for the 2013 tax year, but tax breaks were cited as the motivator by only 23 per cent in a 2012 Statistics Canada report on giving.
- Compassion for those in need (90 per cent), belief in a cause (86 per cent) and contributing to the community (80 per cent) were the top three reasons.

## 2019

- Canadian charities will be forced to adapt for future holiday seasons. By 2019, Canada Post will stop delivering mail door-to-door in urban areas.

# It's one man's gig to give year-round

## Spreading the joy.

Thousands of toys — up to 75,000 — will be donated to children this holiday season

BOB MACKIN

For Metro in Vancouver

Tonka trucks, hockey sticks, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and remote controlled mini-drones are stacked on shelves of a modest, three-storey Vancouver warehouse — the secret Santa central, if you will.

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, founded in 1930, helps 1,000 families directly and more than 40,000 children and youth around the region get toys, books and clothes for Christmas.

"It means a lot to me," said Angela Woods as she left the bureau's headquarters with Christmas surprises for her son. "If they didn't have this every year, I wouldn't know what to do. They're awesome up there, they are amazing."

It's the season for giving, and a recent Ipsos Reid poll found that 87 per cent of poll respondents said they enjoy feeling good about giving to charity. Only 13 per cent got the "bah, humbugs" over the thought of giving to a charity during the holidays. That means charities like the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau go from silent to crazy in a very short period.

"The bureau quietly chugs along, collecting toys, disbursing them to other bureaus and shelters, then we open for this three weeks," said executive director Chris Bayliss. "It goes from a quiet, boring, ugly warehouse on the East-side to often full of volunteers and people, full of fun for a



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau executive director Chris Bayliss in the East Vancouver warehouse, among Okanagan apple bins used for sorting donations. BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

month."

The Christmas Bureau collects toys at big events throughout fall, from the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run to the Vancouver Giants' Teddy Bear Toss to the Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast, which attracted 15 tonnes of donations on Dec. 11.

"The regional role is changing, as Metro Vancouver grows further afield we get more and more working poor," Bayliss says. "I was brought up my whole life to believe this, we're all two paycheques away from being broke."

In 2001, the Christmas Bureau gave 17,000 donated toys to needy homes. This year, Bayliss estimates some 50,000 to 75,000 toys and books, plus about 5,000 clothes and coats, will put smiles on children's

## A good way to give

## Transparency can aid charities

"Whether you're at the checkout counter, the Salvation Army kettles or when you get the mail, it's almost overwhelming how many 'asks' you get," said Charity Intelligence Canada managing director Kate Bahen.

Bahen's Toronto organization gauges transparency of non-profits and

publishes reports on the finances of 500 charities on its website. Bahen said Canadians deserve proof that their donations are spent wisely and make a difference.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," she said.

Charities must "more effectively report what did you do with the money, how did you spend it, who did you work with, what was the social impact?" Bahen said. "How did you help Canada?" **METRO**

faces.

Bayliss and a part-timer are employed year-round. A dozen workers join for three

to 10 weeks in the run-up to Christmas. He estimated volunteers worked 800 person hours on-site last December.

## Volunteer hours logged

2.07B

The Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating said 94 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and up combined to donate \$10.6 billion in 2010. Some 13.3 million people gave their time, combining for 2.07 billion hours of volunteer work — about the same as 1.1 million full-time jobs.

## How

- Telemarketing is unpopular and door-to-door appeals have declined substantially. Weinberg says volunteer door-knockers are harder to find and residents may not be at home. If they are, they may not answer for fear of a scam. Supermarket checkout appeals and e-giving are among the alternatives.

## Quoted

"Non-profit organizations have to be inventive, have to recognize that the way people part with their money is changing."

Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business



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## \$6B proposal. Panel gives OK to Northern Gateway pipeline, with conditions

A review panel is recommending that the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline that would connect the Alberta oilsands to tankers on the B.C. coast go ahead.

But the panel has attached 209 conditions to the project.

The final decision rests with

the federal government, which has roughly six months to respond to the report.

The controversial \$6-billion proposal has pitted Calgary-based Enbridge against environmental groups and several First Nations.

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# Faux no to faux yes: Vegan leather, fake fur so hot right now

**Faux is the new black.**

Pleasantly surprise the fashion plate on your gift list with something fake

Finding a knockoff version of the fur you want under the Christmas tree would ordinarily be a disappointment.

Not this year. Faux is the new black this season for holiday gifts. But this isn't the "pleather" of the 1980s — that cheap, plastic-looking material made popular by Michael Jackson during his Thriller days.

A \$198 fuzzy brown coat at Banana Republic has a prominently placed tag that reads "faux fur."

Dresses with "vegan leather" accents are flying off virtual shelves at shop-

bop.com. And at luxury retailer Barney's, a Marni faux leather three-quarter sleeve jacket sells for \$1,900.

Faux is gaining popularity in part because there have been advances in technology enabling designers to make better-looking fakes. In a still-shaky economy that has made Americans more frugal, faux also can be seen as a good way

to be trendy without breaking the bank. And a movement toward socially con-

scious shopping makes some people feel better about faux purchases.

It helps that some A-listers have given faux their seal of approval. Models have been seen on the runway wearing faux leather pieces in shows for big-name designers like Tom Ford and Rag & Bone. And actresses Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson have strutted on the red carpet in faux leather and fur.

Banana Republic's Fair Isle faux-fur neckwarmer.  
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### Take a bow, Canada

## American happy we no longer get home mail delivery

The announced demise of home mail delivery in Canada has prompted a celebratory reaction from one U.S. lawmaker, who longs to see his own country adopt a similar reform to end residential postal service.

A Republican congressman "applauded" the move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Market Minute

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# ORDER SNACKS VIA TWEET?

**1 Twitter vending machines.** Telus created a Twitter-enabled vending machine at the Pacific Centre Shopping Mall in Vancouver that rewards tweeting consumers with toy pandas as part of a partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. They're on to something, I hope. In the future, I'll be able to tweet a vending machine using a hashtag such as #bbqdoritos, and out that bag will come.

**2 Instagram messaging.** The social media photo site has introduced Instagram Direct, allowing you to message your buds photos and videos. Hmmm, isn't Snapchat for private messaging someone a photo or video? (Well, true, those disappear). My wish is to someday be tweeting a Instagram photo via direct message on Snapchat using Facebook. That will simplify everything.

**3 Beyoncé's social media blitz.** Forgoing traditional media channels, Beyoncé released her latest album with a simple "Surprise!" to her more than eight million Instagram followers — and the full album appeared for sale on iTunes. It hit a record for albums sold on the site. Goes to show (again) that sometimes the best marketing is no marketing. Of course, it helps if you're a pop-culture icon.



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**4 Arlene Dickinson.** One of my fave stars of Dragons' Den has a new book out, *All In*, about balancing your personal and professional life when you're an entrepreneur. I fancy myself an entrepreneur, so I'll be reading it this Christmas morning when I receive it as a stocking stuffer from my wife. If she reads this.

**5 Stuff on Scout's Head.** Photos of pets on the Internet — particularly cats and dogs — do really, really well. The most famous is Grumpy Cat, discovered on news site Reddit. An up-and-coming contender perhaps is the Canadian version: Stuff on Scout's Head, which features a pit bull with stuff that his owner puts on his head — everything from a toque to a pie to a skateboard. I cannot explain the Internet.

**6 Peterborough turkey.** A picture of a turkey standing in a transit shelter next to a Canada Post box in Peterborough, Ont., went viral this week. The turkey had been stopping traffic recently on a major road. At least it's learning to take the bus now. So why else did this turkey pic catch on? "Turkeys — they are like kittens with beaks," one person tweeted.

**7 Survivor brand.** Tyson Apostol won the 27th edition of the TV show *Survivor* in a rather lacklustre season that ended with

the lowest rating for a *Survivor* finale ever. With the iconic reality show slumping in ratings in recent years, it may be time to reinvent the brand. Add more villains. Or have only villains. The world loves watching villains on TV. Or just let all competitors use social media.

**8 Carl McCoid.** This guy from Yorkshire, England, keeps getting tattoos of Miley Cyrus. He now has 22 different ones of her. This guy is a human wrecking ball with Miley Cyrus all over him.

**9 Sorry, we're great.** A CNN post titled 10 Things Canada Does Better Than Anywhere Else got a lot of attention this week with its list that included apologizing, lake and cottage country, stand-in movie locations, humour and more. Sorry, but the only thing they missed is beer. We make (and drink) better beer than anyone, eh?

**10 Scarlett Johansson and cheese.** Under the headline Scarlett Johansson Has Weird Feelings About Cheese, on NY Magazine, the actress was quoted as saying: "I don't eat it, but I love it... I like to smell cheese, I like to watch people enjoying it and I like to encourage people to eat cheeses I know taste really good. But I don't eat it anymore because my body just does better without it." Life doesn't get weirder or cheesier than that.



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## ZOOM

### Photo shoot goes swimmingly



CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Museum has a few bones to pick

For most people, fish bones may be just an annoyance at dinnertime.

But a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Ottawa, could give viewers a broader perspective.

X-rays of Arctic Fishes, opening Jan. 11, features images that show "the spectacular osteological architecture of fishes," such as this X-ray of a boa dragonfish (pictured), says museum ichthyologist (fish scientist) Noel Alfonso.

Fish are considered to have the most complex bone

structures of all vertebrates. That makes osteology — the study of bones — more challenging with fish than with other animals possessing a spinal column.

As revealed in X-rays, the number of vertebrae can be used to differentiate one fish species from another, Alfonso said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

#### Skin, bone and dinner

- An X-ray of a 14-centimetre-long boa dragonfish (not pictured), reveals a fish in its stomach. That makes this specimen a rare find, since "these things can often go for months without feeding," said Alfonso.

#### Clickbait



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If the dark mornings, cold evenings and slushy all-the-times have you taking your fitness routine inside, don't sweat it. Or rather do (but without the monotony of the exercise machine). From the makers of *Guitar Hero*, *Goji Play* is the latest 'gamercising' gimmick helping gamers get to the gym. Using two wireless controllers and a clip-on sensor, gym-goers can turn their treadmill into a gaming console while blasting away Christmas calories. As you ramp up the speed on the stepper, watch as your character gains power and speed — while keeping track of your sweaty stats (kilometres, calories, etc.). Here's a couple of games to get you started.



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#### Fisticuffs:

Get in the ring with fighters including a drunken sailor, angry Viking and top-hat wearing bar keeper.

picking up moonshine, snake oil and crowbars as ammo to keep you in the game.

#### Shine Runner:

Cruise around the bayou in a fan boat

#### Super Moto X:

Race through a city of the future while jumping over obstacles, avoiding slow zones and steering clear of the 5-0.

#### Comments

**RE: 'Outdated' Nova Scotia Law Requires All Men To Shovel Highway Snow, published online Dec. 18**

Psssh. Subsection A: All physically fit

female persons between the ages of 16 and 60 are required to make hot chocolate with marshmallows on the highways during winter for the male persons who work with their shovels on the highways during winter. **Aeric posted to metronews.ca**

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**Julia and Emma**  
Oakville, ON

Goodness runs in their family. Teen sisters Julia and Emma from Oakville, ON made it their mission to collect books for remote "fly-in" communities in Northern Ontario. Their charity Books With No Bounds has collected and distributed over 27,000 books.

**George**  
Oliver, BC

Wherever help is needed in Oliver, BC, you'll find George. He spends his life spreading goodness in so many ways, but what's really special is the time and effort he devotes to growing fresh vegetables for others. Last year, he donated 1800lbs of veggies to the food bank.

**Coby**  
North York, ON

This story proves that you can always make time to spread goodness. Coby leads a busy life in North York, ON, but he regularly visits a long-term home for the elderly. Through the joy of music and song, he, and a group of volunteers from The House, bring smiles and a little human tenderness to the aged.

**Sharon**  
Brandon, MB

One person can fill an entire community with goodness. Sharon, from Brandon, MB, is in her retirement years, but she still works 5 days a week at her local soup kitchen. There by 6 a.m. every morning, she tirelessly cooks hot meals for 125-150 people from all walks of life.



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## Synopsis

**Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues** opened this week bringing confident but thick news anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) back to the big screen after a nine year absence. The first film made catchphrases like, "I love scotch. Scotch, scotch, scotch," and the names Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champion "Champ" Kind (David Koechner) household words. In celebration of the return of the team from San Diego's KVVN Channel 4 the Reel Guys have a look back at the career of funny-man Will Ferrell.



Will Ferrell reprises his role as blustering anchorman Ron Burgundy in *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. CONTRIBUTED

# Where there's a Will, there's a way to laugh

## Reel Guys

**RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN**



**Funnyman Ferrell.** In honour of the return of Ron Burgundy, the Reel Guys review their favourite Ferrell flicks

**Richard:** Mark, I think Will Ferrell is one of the bravest comedic actors working today; someone willing to do anything for a laugh. Trouble is, I often don't laugh. *Anchorman* is laugh-out-loud funny. Ditto *Elf* and *Old School*, but sometimes I feel he has to rein the manic energy in, do half as much and maybe be twice as funny. Having said that, the *Shark Week* jokes in *Step Brothers* really make me giggle.

**Mark:** Richard, I share your am-

bivalence toward Ferrell. He's not my go-to guy for funny. Still, he's done some great work. My favourite Will Ferrell movies are two indie films he's starred in: *Stranger Than Fiction* and *Everything Must Go*. They're the equivalent of Jim Carrey's work in *The Truman Show* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Maybe not huge crowd pleasers, but they show the true breadth of his talent.

**RC:** I agree. I think *Stranger Than Fiction* is worth a rental. It's touching and funny, which for me is Ferrell's sweet spot. *A Night at the Roxbury* is a silly comedy but Ferrell's wide-eyed performance is the kind of thing I like from him. Outrageous, yes, but underneath the silly is a real guy. Sometimes I can't see the real guy under-

neath his characters and those are his movies that don't work for me. Except *Zoolander*. As fashion guru Mugatu he's so strange he dares you not to laugh at him.

**MB:** Yes, he's sometimes better in a supporting role in which his over-the-top zaniness doesn't sink the whole picture. Mugatu for sure, but also the mattress salesman in *The Internship* or Franz in *The Producers*. But generally, I find his man-child jock character wearying. Which is why, I think, *Anchorman* is such a successful movie. It's a Will Ferrell movie for people who don't care for Will Ferrell movies. Did you enjoy the sequel, Richard?

**RC:** I did. I think there is a lot of life left in Ron Burgundy. It's

funny in an outrageous way. It's a bit too long, (and don't bother sitting through to the post credit scene unless you find the sight of Steve Carell eating cookies hilarious) but the buffoonery level is high in a season where serious drama seems to be the ticket.

In the last couple of weeks I have seen Ferrell, in character, sit in on some local newscasts and he fit right in. As long as there is media, egomaniac announcers and local news, there will be a place for Ron Burgundy.

**MB:** Yes, but let's not forget he's supported by a stellar cast of comic actors: Paul Rudd, Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Wiig. Even if Ferrell isn't your cup of tea, it's hard to believe this movie won't work.

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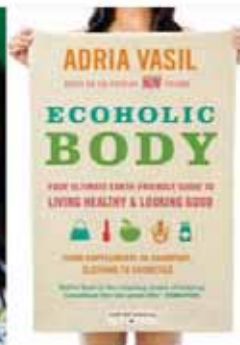
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## Animation/Family



## Walking with Dinosaurs 3D

**Directors.** Barry Cook, Neil Nightingale

**Stars.** Charlie Rowe, Karl Urban

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This is a really odd movie. It looks like a high-end educational documentary you'd see on the History Channel, but anyone with more than a Grade 2 reading level will find the story slow and clichéd. The computer animated story of a herd of migrating dinosaurs and the dangers they face is beautiful looking but dragged down by terrible voice work. Imagine Jurassic Park without Jeff Goldblum or the fun and you get the idea.

**RICHARD CROUSE**

## Biography Comedy



## Saving Mr. Banks

**Director.** John Lee Hancock

**Stars.** Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson

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The story of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) efforts to convince author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sell the rights to Mary Poppins is actually two stories folded into one. The first is a Hollywood tale, the second a psychological drama told in flashbacks about Travers's troubled father (Colin Farrell). Fine performances abound but this is Thompson's movie. Her portrayal of Travers is nuanced, split between the cantankerous woman she became with echoes of the innocent young girl she once was. **RICHARD CROUSE**

## Crime/Drama



## American Hustle

**Director.** David O. Russell

**Stars.** Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper

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American Hustle sees con artists Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) and Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) threatened with arrest unless they cooperate with ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). They help him run a complicated corruption investigation involving New Jersey mayor Carmen Polito (Jeremy Renner) but the sting gets out of control when the Mafia gets involved. Of the great ensemble cast Jennifer Lawrence really stands out in an entertainingly audacious movie.

**RICHARD CROUSE**

## Drama



## Nebraska

**Director.** Alexander Payne

**Stars.** Bruce Dern, Will Forte

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There's erasable and then there's Woody Grant (Bruce Dern), a cantankerous man who thinks a "You may already be a winner" letter is a ticket to a million dollar fortune. After several failed attempts to walk to Lincoln, Neb., to claim his prize Woody's son David (Will Forte) offers to drive him. He knows the ticket is worthless but understands it's the thing that gives Woody something to live for. Director Alexander Payne keeps things nimble and very funny in places in this beautiful black-and-white film.

**RICHARD CROUSE**

## Say it ain't so, Shia. Star in hot water over 'blatant' theft of other artist's work

There may be legal ramifications for Shia LaBeouf after he acknowledged borrowing from another artist's work without giving proper credit.

LaBeouf debuted his short film, *Howard Cantour.com*, online on Monday starring Jim Gaffigan. It examines the life of an anguished online film critic. That was also the story line of a 2007 graphic novella by artist Daniel Clowes titled *Justin M. Damiano*.

Clowes declined to comment directly, but according to his publisher, Fantagraphics' Eric Reynolds, Clowes "is exploring his legal options."

Reynolds said Wednesday he was "baffled" by the news of LaBeouf's project, which he and Clowes got wind of on Monday. "LaBeouf changed the name of the main character, but he used the comic as a direct script and storyboard," Reynolds said. "Clowes has a real melodramatic voice that is very idiosyncratic and LaBeouf just used the dialogue word for word. There is no ambiguity.



Shia LaBeouf  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There is no way that anybody wrote this but Dan Clowes. It just defies any kind of logic or good sense. This was so blatant and inexcusable that it was as baffling as it was appalling."

LaBeouf's short began to circulate in 2012 at festivals like the Cannes Film Festival, but was just posted online officially on Monday. Soon afterward, it was taken down, and LaBeouf took to Twitter to apologize for lifting ideas from Clowes' work and passing them off as his own.

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# Leo's just a sheep in big bad wolf clothes

**Wolf of Wall Street.**  
As a boy DiCaprio dreamed of working with Scorsese, and now they're co-conspirators

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News in New York

Leonardo DiCaprio always wanted to be a Martin Scorsese actor. "I remember my father taking me to see one of his movies," the actor recalls. "He said, 'If you have the opportunity and a green light in this industry, there's one person you should work with.'"

It was the director of Mean Streets, Goodfellas, Raging Bull, After Hours.

And when DiCaprio became the biggest actor in the world, it wasn't too long before he was headlining Scorsese's Gangs of New York.

Their fifth film together — including The Departed

and Shutter Island — was DiCaprio's idea. He read The Wolf of Wall Street, a tell-all memoir by unfathomably hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort, and felt it would fit Scorsese's sensibilities, in addition to being sobering commentary.

"I thought [his book] was a reflection of everything that was wrong with today's society," he says, chuckling.

"Jordan gave into every carnal indulgence possible."

The film, written by Boardwalk Empire scribe Terence Winter, chronicles the many hedonistic exploits of Belfort, who rises from a nobody selling penny stocks by the thousands to schnooks to dominating the Financial District.

"He represents something within our very nature, something that is very wrong. You can point to those attributes to everything's going on in our world today," DiCaprio says. But he adds, "He's not the problem. I quickly realized these weren't the fat cats that were destroying our



Leonardo DiCaprio plays hedonistic broker Jordan Belfort in Wolf of Wall Street, opening Dec. 25. CONTRIBUTED

economy. They were the street urchins. They were part of the underworld trying to create a little island and emulating Gordon

Gekko," he explains, referencing Michael Douglas' slick-haired Wall Street villain (and, to some, an idol).

"They were trying to be

the guys that were robbing our country of billions and billions of dollars."

DiCaprio spent time with Belfort, who he describes

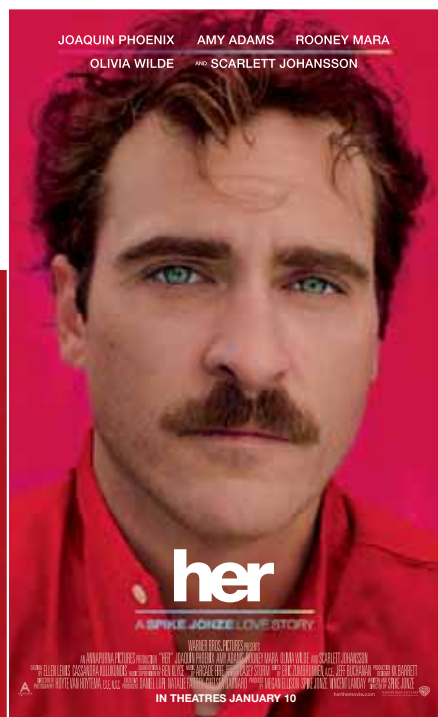
as reformed. "He looks at this [period] as an isolated period in his life. He's been paying the price ever since, trying to pay his debt to everyone he ripped off."

Belfort even told him how to play high on 'ludes, for a lengthy sequence where he and the fellow broker played by Jonah Hill take too many drugs and find their bodies won't work. "He told me what quaaludes were like," he recalls. "I had him rolling around on the floor for me."

He also says he watched, on a loop, a YouTube clip called The World's Drunkest Man, in which someone tries to get a beer but his body won't let him.

As for reuniting again with Scorsese, he's predictably gushy, talking about a mantra he gave him: "As long as you portray these people for what they are, and you don't try to sugarcoat them or apologize for their actions or depict them in any way apart from what they are, audiences will go along with you."

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How I Live Now (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat  
4:10-9:15 Sun 3:45 Mon 6:50 Tue  
3:30-7:55  
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Thu  
3:55-9:20  
Lee Daniels' The Butler (14A) Fri  
4:01 Sat 6:30 Sun 1:01  
Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom  
(14A) Thu 12:45-6:15  
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed  
Prisoners (14A) Sun 8:10 Mon 3:45

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**2 Daly Ave., Suite 120**

No Films Showing Today (STC)  
Fri-Thu

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**of nature**  
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**Coliseum Ottawa**  
**3090 Carling Ave.**

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Out of the Furnace (14A) Fri-Mon  
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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)  
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Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-  
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The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) No  
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**Mayfair Theatre**  
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Die Hard (14A) Mon 7  
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Enough Said (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 6:15  
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No Films Showing Today (STC)  
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The Rocky Horror Picture Show  
(STC) Sat 11:30  
Silent Night, Deadly Night (STC)  
Fri 11:15  
Space Jam (STC) Thu 3:15  
Touchy Feely (STC) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun  
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**Rainbow Cinemas**  
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About Time (14A) Fri-Mon 10:20-  
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The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri  
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Captain Phillips (14A) Fri-Mon 10-  
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The Smurfs 2 (G) Sat 10:45

**South Keys**  
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Passes Wed 2-5:45-9:30 No Passes  
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Jerusalem (STC) Fri 11-2-6 Sat 11-  
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Kenya 3D: Animal Kingdom (STC)  
Fri 12-3-5 Sat 12-3-5-7 Sun 12-3-5  
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**Galleries d'Aylmer**  
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La reine des neiges (G) Fri-Tue  
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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (G)  
Wed 1-3:20 Thu 1-3:20-7-9:20

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American Hustle (G) Fri-Mon 3:30-  
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Arnaque Américaine (G) Fri-Mon  
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Fanny (STC) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:05-  
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Le Hobbit: La désolation de Smaug  
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Il était une fois les boys (G) Fri-Mon  
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Marius (G) Fri-Mon 1:20-3:15-7:25-  
9:25 Tue 1:20-3:15  
Protection (13+) Fri-Mon 9:05  
La reine des neiges (G) Fri-Tue 3:40  
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Sur la terre des dinosaures (G) Fri-  
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Dr Seuss: Le Grinchex qui voulait  
gâcher Noël (G) Sat 11  
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Christmas (G) Sat 11  
Frozen (G) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:50-5:25-  
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Justin Bieber's Believe (STC) Wed-  
Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10  
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The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:50-6:50-10

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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-7:20-10:55  
Holiday Inn (STC) Mon 7  
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:40-11  
Justin Bieber's Believe (PG) Wed-Thu 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20  
Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (14A) Wed-Thu 12:05-3:25-6:45-10:10  
Out of the Furnace (14A) Fri-Tue 9:40  
Philomena (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20 Mon 1:40-4:10-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20  
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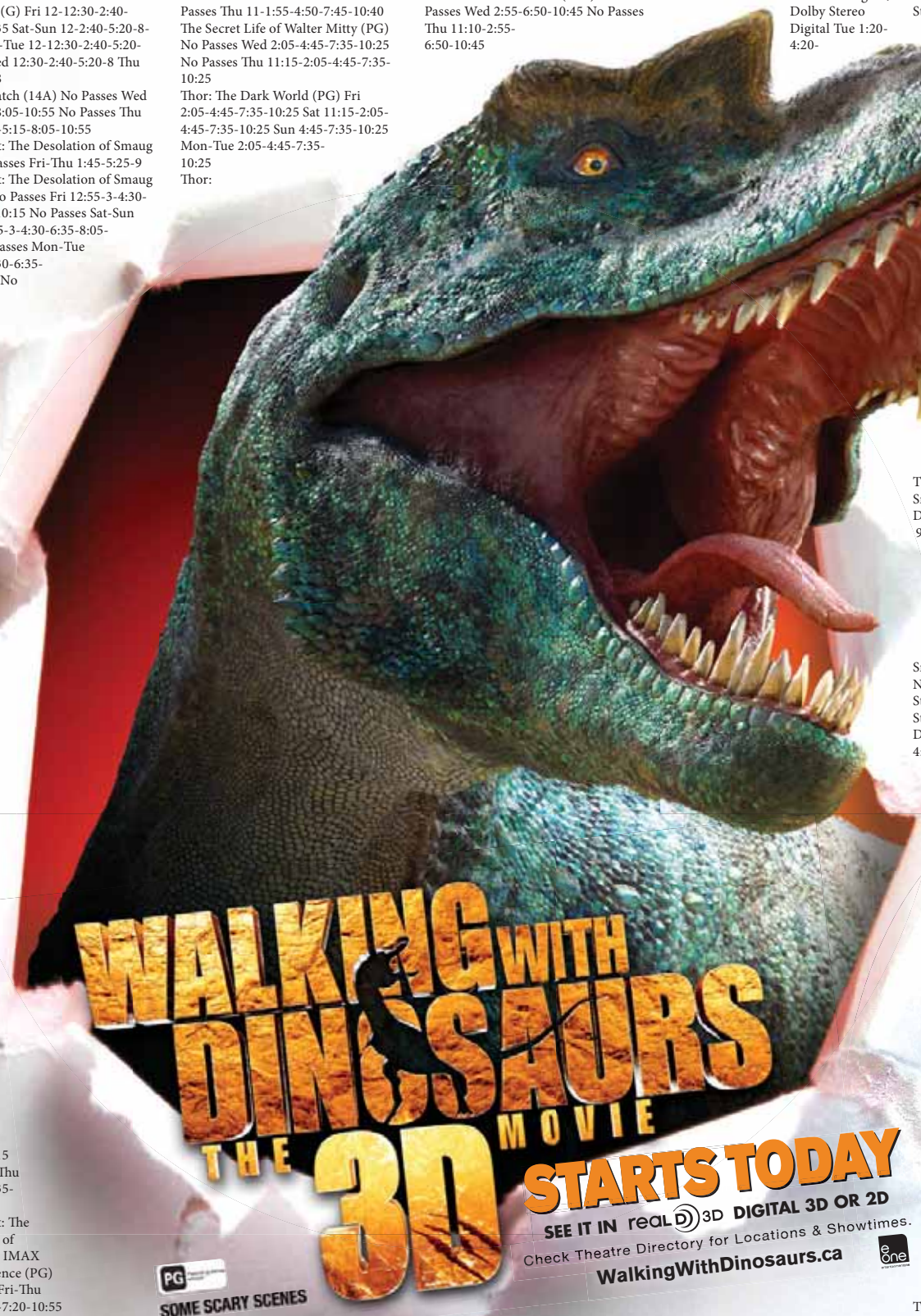
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The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6-9:15-9:50 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 2-6-9:15-9:50 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Tue 2-6 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed 9:30 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 12:15-9:30  
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47 Ronin (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo  
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7:30 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 4-7:30-10:30  
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-7-10 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Tue 12:30-3:30-7 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed 4:15-7:20-10:20 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:20

# Turning Negativity into musical positivity

## Deer Tick's new album.

Front man channeled the frustration of his drug habit and the built-up anger over his father's jail sentence into something good

Singer John McCauley of the rock band Deer Tick figured out how to turn his pain into something positive.

McCauley used the Rhode Island-based band's latest album, *Negativity*, to unleash some of the frustrations and struggles he has had over the past couple of years into a polished and refined sound that mixes country, folk and rock.

His father was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to federal charges of conspiracy and tax fraud and McCauley was struggling with substance abuse. The album includes several references to McCauley's experiences, as painful as they were. "People take comfort in knowing either A, somebody is going through something similar to what they went through or B, somebody's got it worse off than they do," McCauley said during a recent interview. "I am guilty of both of those things when I listen to music."

Now he says he's cleaned up and feeling excited about the future. McCauley and singer Vanessa Carlton are



John McCauley performing with his band, Deer Tick, at the Newport Folk Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

planning a wedding at the end of December, just before the band is scheduled to start a European tour.

The couple recorded a duet on the album, called *In Our Time*, which McCauley wrote about his own parents.

"We met through Patrick Hallahan, from *My Morning Jacket*. He introduced us after I went on Vanessa's Twitter and said, 'Hey, VC let's get a beer,'" McCauley said. "I had just figured out how to use Twitter so I was really proud of myself."

The band recorded the album with producer Steve

Berlin, from Los Lobos, who pushed the band to focus on instrumentation and added new layers to their songs without losing the rawness that the group is known for, McCauley said.

"This is the first record that we've put out where we actually rehearsed every single song on the record, so we're actually kind of proud of this one," McCauley said. "We go out on stage every night, just a little bit more aware of our surroundings and what our equipment does than we have in the past."

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## Shoot those carolers



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Tired of all the usual Christmas tunage? Let me offer you some alternatives.



### Rob Ford Got Run Over by a Reindeer/Eh440

Not only does this song offer a new twist on the Elmo & Patsy classic, but it also manages to work in a rhyme using "Councilor Denzil Minnan-Wong."



### Why Didn't You Put Up the Xmas Tree?/CCF Devastators

A Ramones-like decorating complaint from this Calgary group who claim that the video was directed by Tommy Douglas.



### Let It Snow!/Captain Picard

What if you had the time to go through all the *Star Trek: TNG* episodes and piece together Jean-Luc in such a way that he appears to recite a Christmas song? Make it so.

## Music

### Beyoncé producer knew of release only minutes before

Beyoncé's new album was so secret, one of its producers only knew of its release 90 minutes before it dropped.

Beyoncé released her self-titled album in surprise form last week. Ryan Tedder produced the single XO, and

he learned about the release not long before it went public.

"I knew 90 minutes before it dropped. Ninety minutes. And I said nothing because I love Beyoncé and I don't want her to hate me," Tedder said in an interview Tuesday.

"I heard a rumour and then I didn't say anything," he said.

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Producer Ryan Tedder. GETTY IMAGES

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# Holiday & Winter Service

**Count on OC Transpo to provide service throughout the holidays. New winter schedules start January 5. Avoid winter road conditions and leave the driving to us.**

## Service Improvements Effective December 22

The following changes will be implemented on Sunday, December 22, unless otherwise noted:

- O-Train** - will resume full weekend service between Greenboro and Bayview starting Saturday, January 4, 2014. Temporary bus route 107, which was replacing a portion of O-Train service, will be discontinued.
- 20** will be extended along Portobello, south of Brian Coburn, to improve service for new residents in the Summerside and Avalon communities by reducing walking distances.
- 93** will be modified to serve the new Richcraft Recreation Complex in Kanata North. All off-peak trips will start and end at the complex. In the peak periods, several trips will be extended along Innovation to start (afternoons only) or end (mornings only) at Hines and Solandt. These trips will stay on Innovation and not enter the Richcraft Recreation Complex.
- 95** will have a trip added at 5:29 p.m. from Gatineau to Barrhaven to better serve customers.
- 107** will be discontinued after December 29, due to the return of full weekend service on the O-Train.
- 176** will have a new southbound trip added at 4:02 a.m. from Tunney's Pasture to Merivale.
- 178** will be adjusted a few minutes earlier on the first trip, for improved connections at Baseline Station.
- 261** will be extended slightly north of Denali along Stittsville Main to bring service closer to new residents.

## New Commuter Service for West Kanata

**Peak period Route 188** will serve the Arcadia residential community on Huntmar Drive, north of Highway 417, with two morning trips and three afternoon trips.



Buses will connect at the Canadian Tire Centre transit terminal where customers can transfer to downtown Express service on Routes 261 or 263, or rapid transit Route 96.

Routes 96 and 188 are regular-fare routes, while Routes 261 and 263 require an express fare premium.

## New Winter Schedules Start January 5, 2014

On Sunday, January 5, winter schedules begin on most routes. Obtain a new timetable for all red- and green-numbered routes, as well as the following: **4 through 18, 86, 93, 95, 98, 111, 114, 116, 123, 124, 143, 146, 150, 175, 176, 178 and O-Train.**

## Lost & Found is Moving!

The OC Transpo Lost & Found, run by Heartwood House will be moving to 404 McArthur Avenue on **Thursday, January 2**. The new location is served by Route 14 on McArthur Avenue and Route 7 nearby on St. Laurent Blvd. Customers may call Lost & Found at **613-563-4011**, visit their web site at **heartwoodhouse.ca** or send an e-mail to **lostandfound@heartwoodhouse.ca**.

## Schedule Information

Create your own travel plan with the automated Travel Planner at **octranspo.com** and **octranspo.mobi**. Find out when your bus will arrive by calling **613-560-1000** or **texting 560560** plus your four-digit bus stop number.

Holiday schedules are available at **octranspo.com** and **octranspo.mobi**. New winter schedules are available at OC Transpo Sales and Information Centres, and online or by phone.

## Free New Year's Eve Service after 8 p.m.

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## Holiday Hours

### Transit Schedule

|                 |                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| December 23-24  | Reduced Weekday Schedule                    |
| December 25     | Sunday Schedule                             |
| December 26     | Saturday Schedule                           |
| December 27     | Reduced Weekday Schedule                    |
| December 28     | Saturday Schedule                           |
| December 29     | Sunday Schedule                             |
| December 30     | Reduced Weekday Schedule                    |
| December 31     | Reduced Weekday Schedule, FREE after 8 p.m. |
| January 1, 2014 | Sunday Schedule                             |
| January 2-3     | Reduced Weekday Schedule                    |

### Transit Info Centre 613-741-4390

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| December 23-24  | 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| December 25     | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| December 26     | 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| December 27     | 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| December 28     | 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| December 29     | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| December 30-31  | 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| January 1, 2014 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| January 2-3     | 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. |

**N.B. Customer Relations (613-842-3600) will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1, and will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 24, 27, 30 and 31, and January 2-3.**

### Sales and Information Centres

|                 | Rideau* Centre      | Lincoln Fields Place d'Orléans St-Laurent |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| December 24     | 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.                          |
| December 25     | Closed              | Closed                                    |
| December 26     | 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.    | Closed                                    |
| December 27     | 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. | 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.                          |
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# Go retro: How to play old-school



**ANTHONY JOHNSTON**  
Metro World News

If you have a PC/Mac

## Atari.com/arcade

**Format:** Play classic Atari arcade games with updated graphics and sound.

**Plusses:** Enjoy all your beloved '70s and '80s classics like Pong, Missile Command, Combat, Lunar Lander, Asteroids, Yars' Revenge, Super Breakout and Centipede.

**Minuses:** Up-to-date visuals and sounds will leave purists disappointed.

**Verdict:** Good for a quick five-minute arcade-esque time-killer.

## Game-Oldies.com

**Format:** Free emulator for a whopping 20 retro consoles — all the biggies, from NES to TurboGrafx-16.

**Plusses:** Plethora of titles (5,697); save option.

**Minuses:** Clunky website interface that truly mimics your PCs of yesteryear.

**Verdict:** Not the friendliest to dip into, but the best

to bury yourself in hours of retro gaming — and try out some esoteric consoles (who remembers the Neo Geo?).

## NESbox.com & SNESbox.com

**Format:** Free Nintendo Entertainment System & Super Nintendo Entertainment System emulators, built on Adobe Flash technology.

**Plusses:** Slick, clean interface, oodles of your favorite Nintendo titles, and each has 1,810-plus games. Upload your walkthrough to the server and take part in the rankings, two-player via Internet.

**Minuses:** Can only be played in your web browser's window.

**Verdict:** Most user-friendly emulator.

If you have an Android

## SuperGNES.com

**Format:** Emulator at \$3.99 that scans your phone to view and play installed ROMs (emulated games).

**Plusses:** Cheats: Access huge database of Game Genie and Pro Action Replay codes,

Mouse: Mouse support for games like Mario Paint, Multiplayer: Network multiplayer using WiFi or Bluetooth.

**Minuses:** Extra work: Go to websites like coolrom.com/roms/snes/ to download ROMs to your device.

**Verdict:** Nifty emulator for the savvy gamer itching to play games on the commute.

If you have an iPad or iPhone

## iEmulators.com

**Format:** List of emulators for your iPhone/iPad.

**Plusses:** Follow a few weird installation steps, found easily on the website, and turn your phone into a Nintendo. You'll have to download the

ROMs yourself (see SuperGNES).

**Minuses:** Trickery may go against your morals or your inclination not to tinker with your pricey, beloved device; controls difficult for games like Super Mario.

**Verdict:** Fine-working emulator but controls regrettably awkward on touch-screen.



Who wants a game of Battletoads? NES

Kris Kringle review

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Video game review

**Name.** The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds

**For.** Nintendo 3DS

**Rated.** Everyone

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The glasses-free 3D in this latest Zelda adventure is so incredibly convincing, it's as if there is no screen at all and you're playing a game inside a box, where the pieces can fall deeper inside or fly out past the lid to swipe at your nose. Even the sound seems to carry over a distance. Add to that an effect where Link can turn into a painting and travel along the walls and you have a masterful retelling of a story you'd expect, after 16 sequels, to be all too familiar. **KRIS ABEL**



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Ryan Gosling.

## Gosling driving away from latest relationship

Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes are reportedly giving their relationship a "time out" after more than two years of dating, according to Radar Online.

"There was a realization before Thanksgiving that they took things way too fast and were rushing toward

a marriage that neither of them particularly needed," a source says. "They've decided to take a break to reevaluate their romance."

And to hear the source tell it, it's more Gosling who is worried about how fast they're going, as Mendes "wanted to have his babies."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Brad Pitt playing down his milestone birthday

While Brad Pitt has previously seemed at peace with turning 50 this week, his birthday plans — or lack thereof — suggest something else.

"He's not doing anything for it and he said he doesn't want any surprises," a source tells Us Weekly. "He really doesn't want

to talk about his birthday much."

Of course, work is keeping him pretty busy, as Pitt is currently filming his Second World War drama, Fury, in London while Angelina Jolie is in Australia working on Unbroken.

Pitt will reportedly join her there this weekend, though, so there will be some sort of celebration of his milestone birthday.

"Brad said he's going to celebrate his birthday this weekend in Australia," the source says. "That's going to be the only thing he does."



Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Miley Cyrus' tongue a nervous tick

The truth behind Miley Cyrus' penchant for sticking out her tongue in photos is that she's actually just really nervous, she insists in an interview with Barbara Walters.

"I get embarrassed to take pictures. That's actually

the truth," she says. "I'm so embarrassed, because people are taking pictures of me, and I just don't know how to — I don't know how to smile, and just be awkward, so I stick my tongue out, because I don't know what else to do."



Simon Cowell.

## Cowell not worried by Lovato's departure

Simon Cowell confirms that Demi Lovato will definitely not be coming back to The X Factor as a judge, and he insists it's not a shock to him in the slightest.

"I always knew she wasn't

coming back because she's touring, so I knew that," he tells E! News.

As for her replacement? Sources say that "there haven't been any conversations about judges next year."

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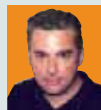
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### Holiday cheer sipper



**LIQUID ASSETS**  
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Last week was all about white wines for your holiday meal, so it's only right I suggest the right reds.

If you're convinced that only whites go with white meats, get over yourself. Reds can be an excellent match with poultry, especially when it's served old-school with plenty of savoury fixings and vegetal accompaniment.

He may not look it, but Tom turkey doesn't carry a lot of fat, which means you're going to want to avoid any red that is tannin heavy. Tannins love fat, so your bird will get lambasted if it meets a big-boned red like a New World Cabernet Sauvignon or a hip, Italian Aglianico (choose them if you're doing roast beef).

Take the bright and fruity path. Think California Zinfandel, New Zealand Pinot Noir, a French Beaujolais Cru or, my favourite, an Italian made with the Barbera grape.

From Piemonte, Bersano's 2011 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti (\$11.95 - \$14.99) is a glass full of strawberry, cherry, light earth and subtle spice that makes merry with turkey and all its eclectic Christmas plate mates.

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# A dash of sweet steals the Christmas spotlight



This recipe serves four. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS)

**Roasted Chicken With Asian Glaze and Fruit Sauce.** Tired of the same old turkey year after year? Be brave and try something new



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This is a holiday entrée with a delicious fruit sauce instead of traditional gravy. You can use this over any poultry such as Cornish hen

or even turkey. If you're using turkey, multiply the glaze and sauce by three.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Place chicken in roasting pan.

2. Glaze: In bowl, mix garlic, ginger, honey, wine, chili flakes, margarine, coriander, salt and pepper to taste and stock; set half aside for sauce. Brush some of the remaining mixture over chicken. Bake for 60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F, basting with more honey mixture every 15 minutes.

3. Cut chicken into 4 quarters; place on serving dish

and keep warm.

4. Sauce: Pour reserved honey mixture into small saucepan; stir in cornstarch, mixing well. Add chicken stock along with dates and

apricots; cook over medium heat, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Pour over chicken. Remove skin before eating. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

## Ingredients

**Glaze**

- 1 whole chicken
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root (or 1/4 tsp ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sweet dessert wine (plum wine, Mirin or sweet Sake)
- Pinch chili flakes
- 1 tbsp margarine, melted

- Pinch dried coriander and/or cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup chicken stock

**Sauce**

- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots



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yet. This rugged device can withstand extreme conditions while recording high-definition and 4K video. The latest model boasts a number of new features including a better battery, improved audio and low-light mode. Additional accessories let you connect this camera to surfboards, mountain bikes, helmets and more. The perfect gift for that avid skier in your life.

Smart ebike — \$3,240 and up

From the makers of the Smart Car, this premium electric bike has a motor that assists with pedalling, helping you take on headwinds and steep hills. A digital display on the handlebars lets you monitor everything from battery life to average speed. The lithium-ion battery recharges as you pedal, or you can plug it into a normal wall socket. Only consider buying this if you have deep pockets!

Oakley Airwave 1.5 — \$649

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# Winning choices

field of vision to show your speed, altitude, even your jump analytics. There is also navigation, buddy tracking, music and the ability to view texts from your smartphone. Pricey, but the ultimate gift for that avid skier in your life.

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- 1 package (200 grams) PC Double Cream Brie, rind removed and cheese cut into 24 equal pieces
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 24 fresh parsley leaves

### Instructions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C).
- 2 Place puff pastry on work surface. Roll pas-

try out in one direction to form a rectangle; cut into 24 equal pieces. Press each piece into the cups of a 24-cup mini muffin pan, allowing some overhang. Freeze for 10 minutes.

3 In a small bowl, stir together turkey and mayonnaise. Remove muffin pan from freezer; divide turkey mixture among the cups. Top each with a piece of Brie, pressing down

slightly.

4 Bake in centre of oven for 20 to 22 minutes or until pastry is golden on bottom and cheese is melted and starting to brown.

5 Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together Dijon and honey. Transfer pastry bites to a long platter; drizzle Dijon mixture over top and garnish with parsley leaves. Makes 24 servings.

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## Holiday dessert recipe. Superstar Eggnog Tarts

Creating an impressive holiday dessert table doesn't have to take hours in the kitchen. You can bake with style using easy-to-make recipes that both look beautiful and taste great. These cute Superstar Eggnog Tarts are perfect for any festive function.

### Ingredients:

- 2 packages Tenderflake tart shells
- ¼ cup (60 ml) sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup (80 ml) evaporated milk
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) water
- 2 tsp (10 ml) amber or light rum
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) salt
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) nutmeg
- Pinch of cinnamon

### Frosting:

- ¾ cup (175 ml) white icing
- ½ tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- 1½ cups (375 ml) whipped topping

### Instructions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).
- 2 Arrange one package of tart shells on a bak-

ing sheet. Using an electric beater, beat together the sugar and eggs until light and fluffy. Stir in evaporated milk, water, rum, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Pour into the tart shells and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until crust is golden and filling is set. Remove from the oven and cool.

3 Remove the remaining tart shells from the foil tins. Transfer to a lightly floured work surface and press to flatten. Using a 1½- to two-inch (3½- to five-centimetre) star-shaped cutter, cut a star from each piece of pastry. Place on a parchment paper lined baking sheet and bake for eight minutes or until nicely browned. Remove from the oven and cool completely.

4 Mix icing and nutmeg together and place in a small piping bag. Pipe a thin line of icing around the edges of each star.

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# Festive focus



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While many smartphones take impressive photos, any photographer will tell you they have yet to match the quality of standalone cameras. Here are a few of the best devices to truly impress the shutterbug on your list

## Nikon Df — \$3,099.95

A modern camera in a retro-style body. While many cameras feature touch-screen controls and menus, the 16.2-megapixel Nikon Df brings back classic mechanical dials to change settings, creating a simple ap-



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## Sony Alpha 7 — \$1,699.99 (body only)

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## Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99

A lot of features at a relatively



low price point. This compact camera has a 20X zoom, three-inch touchscreen along with GPS capabilities so you always know where you took your pictures. If you have an Android phone you can control your camera remotely via Wi-Fi or automatically upload your pictures to social media.

## Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95

A point-and-shoot with modes for every photographer, Canon's Smart Auto mode recognizes 58 predefined shooting

situations so pictures turn out in even the strangest lighting conditions. This compact camera also features a whopping 20X optical zoom, which is impressive despite its small size.

## Fujifilm X20 — \$549

The camera that's ready when you are. The 12-megapixel Fujifilm X20 starts up in 0.5 seconds, auto focuses in 0.06 seconds and can snap photos in 0.01 seconds. This entry-level premium camera has a large optical viewfinder, the ability to shoot in RAW mode and a hot shoe for those who prefer an external flash.

## Canon EOS 70D — \$1,299.99

A full-feature DSLR with plenty of controls. Advanced users will love the in-depth options while beginners can take advantage of the simplistic basic mode. Those with a creative mind will love the Live View filter mode, which



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## Pentax WG-10 — \$199

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## Bigshot DIY Digital Camera — \$89

A camera for those who are curious about learning, the Bigshot camera comes in pieces, allowing the user to not only put it together, but learn about how cameras work in the process. At three megapixels, this camera may not

take professional quality pictures, but the built-in lens wheel that toggles between regular, panoramic and 3D photos will ensure hours of fun for youngsters.



Bonzart Ampel — \$180, clockwise, from left, Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — \$399.99, Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — \$269.95, and Pentax WG-10 — \$199.





# Dashing through the snow

The newest addition and the sporting pinnacle of the Jaguar XJ lineup is the XJR. CONTRIBUTED



The Ford Fiesta ST. CONTRIBUTED



The Lincoln MKZ. CONTRIBUTED

Santa will understand if you put one of these cool sleighs on your Christmas wish list. Whether your budget is naughty or nice, here are some great autos for dashing through the snow.

## JAGUAR XJR (\$119,990)

The newest addition and the sporting pinnacle of the Jaguar XJ lineup is the XJR. New exterior styling has given this stealthy sleigh an assertive appearance. A front splitter, special hood louvres and quad

tailpipes also add to the car's sporty look.

This new generation XJR offers an exhilarating ride combined with the luxury and refinement associated with the brand. Heart-pounding performance is provided by a 5.0-litre supercharged V8 engine that boasts 550 horsepower.

## RANGE ROVER (\$115,000)

The Range Rover Supercharged offers a level of luxury that gets the royal

nod. Underneath the sumptuous interior lining of leather is the solid protection of a tank. The Rover is well-known to be a thirsty beast. So with a goal to make it more fuel efficient, it was put on a diet and is now 317 kilograms (700 pounds) lighter than the previous model. As a result, the new aluminum unibody offers an improvement in fuel economy — 16.6/10.6 L/100 km (city/highway). It also

has Transmission Idle Control, which disengages 70 per cent of the drive power when idling.

No matter what terrain you are tackling, the Rover automatically knows the kind of traction you need — whether you are climbing rocks or descending on sand.

It is also practically amphibious. This Rover can dog-paddle you through a flood up to



The Range Rover Supercharged. CONTRIBUTED

about 850 millimetres (33 inches).

The supercharged 5.0-litre V8 engine offers 510 horsepower, but with such road-silencing features and finishes, and an amazingly smooth ride, you will need to keep one eye on the speedometer.

## LINCOLN MKZ (\$39,000)

Sit in the new MKZ and for a second or two you will wonder how to put this beauty into gear. Look up on the dashboard and you will see it has an automatic push-button shift. Although it's strange at first to shift into gear with your finger, the design idea frees up console space.

Select the operating mode — sport, normal or comfort — that suits your preference. Whether you are driving on dry pavement, snow, mud or

gravel, you will feel confident knowing it is equipped with all-wheel drive (optional with the 2.0-litre EcoBoost and 3.7-litre V6 engines).

## FORD FIESTA ST (\$24,999)

Looks are deceiving with the Ford Fiesta ST. This hot hatchback might look small, but it packs a whopping punch for its size with a 1.6-litre EcoBoost engine producing 197 horsepower, about 20 per cent more than the previous model. You can accelerate from zero to 100 km/h in less than seven seconds.

The six-speed manual transmission makes it superfun to drive. The steering is direct and responsive. Plus, the suspension has been modified for a quicker, overall steering ratio.

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The holiday season is a busy time for engagements as people get imaginative and romantic with their proposals. ALTAFULLA/SHUTTERSTOCK

# Creating that fairy tale touch to the holidays



**HEATHER  
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Four years ago, Craig Roy of It's All About You Event Planning learned that the rules of engagement begin with an imaginative marriage proposal.

A client decided to propose over the holidays and Roy and his special events team in Halifax suggested proposal options.

"The one that our client loved was going for a walk with their dogs and returning home to play outside in the snow," Roy

wrote in an email. "They built a snowman together, including the props — carrot, scarf, twigs and mittens. Once the snowman was built, our client dug out a piece of the snowman's belly and placed the open ring box in the hole for his girlfriend to find."

Although clients often bring their own ideas, Roy and other marriage proposal planners pitch ideas.

"We ask consultation questions of our clients to get to know them and their ideas," Roy wrote. "The type of proposal

really depends on their personality and who they are."

For Socrates Reppas of Marquis Jewellers in Toronto, the holiday season is a busy time of year.

"I have five engagement rings ready for pickup," he said. "They order custom diamond engagement rings from \$1,600 to

\$150,000 to propose over the holidays. A lot of them like to propose on New Year's Eve."

Reppas' face brightens as he recounts the marriage proposals of love-struck men who enter his store to buy

engagement rings. "They tell me what they're going to do when they buy the ring."

One man arranged to have his girlfriend drive by herself to his aunt's house in Niagara Falls. She arrived at sunset and turned into a long, tree-lined driveway lit up with Christmas tree lights. At the end of a driveway of about 100 metres, the path curved to reveal

the house decorated with a big sign that read, "Will You Marry Me?"

"Some clients want to go above and beyond for their fiancée," Roy wrote. "Some want the fairy tale story to tell their friends and family about how they got engaged."

Reppas believes there is much more to holiday proposals.

"They propose marriage over the holidays and on New Year's Eve to be romantic."





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# Craft a personal touch with gifts



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Stamped on Heather Baillie-Brown's heart is the desire to help others.

The Barrie, Ont., writer, photographer and filmmaker crafts holiday gifts for strangers along with the presents she makes for her loved ones. Over the years, she has donated homemade scarves, hats and knitted afghans to charities.

"If people want to be crafty and they don't have anyone to knit for, they can knit 'Boomer' caps for babies in Afghanistan through the Boomer's Legacy program," Baillie-Brown said. "I've done that. You can donate crafts to be distributed as gifts or sold to raise money for worthy causes."

The Boomer's Legacy Foundation (boomerslegacy.ca) is a Canadian charity that was initiated after the death

of Cpl. Andrew (Boomer) Eykelenboom, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in August 2006.

This year, as with every holiday season, there are loads of fun, new craft ideas to both give and enjoy. Some knitting and crocheting projects can be time intensive. Check specialty arts and crafts' retailer Michaels' online decor guide for ideas categorized according to level of difficulty.

For simple ideas, consider personalized jewelry.

"String bungee cord with a charm or a single initial for a personal bracelet or necklace," said Jo Pearson, Michaels' creative expert. "Commemorate special events and people with scrapbook gifts or a single-framed page."

Fit scrapbooking paper to plain cork coasters, then add a coat of Mod Podge glue sealant to the finish for decorative coaster gifts for colleagues.



There are many fun, new craft ideas to both give and enjoy this holiday season. OLIVEROMG/SHUTTERSTOCK

"Holiday wreaths make great gifts," Pearson said. "Use ribbon to match your recipients' holiday decor and add wooden initial letters for an easy and personalized gift."

Create gift tags from favourite photos of you and your recipient. Cut the photo

into a circle, string ribbon through a hole-punch and tie it to the package.

Baking containers with holiday motifs are another way to make homemade treats more festive. Michaels and Williams-Sonoma, specialty retailer of home products, both stock holiday con-

tainers. Williams-Sonoma's Nordic Ware Star of David Bundt® cake pans will deliver a spectacular, six-point starred cake for family gatherings.

For Christmas celebrations, consider Williams-Sonoma's eight mini-cake loaf pan with classic sea-

sonal decorations, a holiday cupcake stencil set, holiday cookie stamps, or pancake models.

"My 19-year-old son usually has his chums over during the holidays," Baillie-Brown said. "It's nice to have baking on hand because it really isn't Christmas without it."

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# CFL back in Ottawa, again

## Third time's a charm?

The Ottawa Rough Riders made a splash in 1876, followed by the Renegades in 2002

Kerry Joseph remembers the game like it was yesterday.

Down 33-10 entering the fourth quarter to the Montreal Alouettes on Canada Day in 2005, the third-year quarterback rallied the Ottawa Renegades to an improbable 39-36 overtime victory at Frank Clair Stadium.

"That one definitely is a good visual in my mind," Joseph said recently.

It would be one of the only highlights in the Renegades' brief four-season existence.

Like the Rough Riders before them, the league's second foray into the nation's capital sputtered due to front-office mismanagement, poor performances on the field and a disillusioned fan base.

The Renegades ceased operations before the 2006 campaign, but a few remnants of the club remain scattered throughout the league with the CFL's third attempt in Ottawa — this time as the expansion Redblacks — set to begin play in 2014.

"I had a feeling it would come back, No. 1 because it's the capital of Canada," said Joseph, who spent the last four seasons primarily as a backup with the Edmonton Eskimos. "How could you not want to



Ottawa Renegades quarterback Kerry Joseph runs away from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' Adriano Belli as he runs out the play during first-quarter CFL action in Ottawa on Oct. 7, 2005. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

have a football franchise in that city? I felt the opportunity was going to present itself again."

When reflecting on why the Renegades went under, Joseph pointed to a major disconnect between ownership, management and coaches.

"The communication from the top down, the structure, wasn't there," he said. "If you

look at any type of business or any type of enterprise, if it's not structured properly eventually things are going to crumble and that's unfortunately what took place."

The 40-year-old Joseph will always be grateful to the Renegades for giving him the chance to play quarterback, something that wasn't an option during his stint in the NFL.

"They gave me the opportunity that I was looking for and they gave me the reins and said, 'Hey this is your football team, go win,'" he said. "I didn't have to look

over my shoulder, I just had to go out there and do the best that I could to put us in the win column."

And while the team eventually folded, things worked out for Joseph, who was selected by the Saskatchewan Roughriders with the No. 1 pick in the Renegades dispersal draft before the 2006 season and won the Grey Cup the following year.

"It was a blessing in disguise for myself, as well as for other guys," he said. "At the same time, with that team folding, a lot of guys were out of jobs."

All told, four players who suited up for the Renegades were still on CFL rosters this past season, including defensive back Corey Banks.

"It was my introduction to the CFL. Great city," said Banks, who was taken by the B.C. Lions in the dispersal draft after an all-star season with Ottawa in 2005 that included a league-high 10 interceptions. "They love their football and it's been missing for a while and hopefully the atmosphere comes back, which it should. This time they're there for the long haul." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Quoted

**"They love their football and it's been missing for a while and hopefully the atmosphere comes back."**

Korey Banks, B.C. Lions defensive back, who was acquired by the Ottawa Renegades in 2004



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# Tanaka deemed too big to leave Japan

**Baseball.** Change in posting rules could prevent pitcher with eye-popping numbers from coming to MLB

Pitcher Masahiro Tanaka wants to move to Major League Baseball next season but his Japanese team doesn't want to let him go.

MLB and Nippon Professional Baseball's new posting system caps the fee for players at \$20 million, less than half what Japanese teams received for pitchers Yu Darvish and Daisuke Matsuzaka.

"I informed my team that I would like them to allow me to test my abilities in Major League Baseball next season," Tanaka said Tuesday after a meeting with Rakuten Eagles president Yozo Tachibana.

Tanaka, a 25-year-old right-hander, went 24-0 with a 1.27



Masahiro Tanaka pitches for Team Japan during a World Baseball Classic game in Tokyo in March. GETTY IMAGES

ERA with the Rakuten Golden Eagles of the Pacific League during the regular season. He will not become eligible for free agency until after the 2015 season and can move to MLB only if the Eagles agree to post him.

The Eagles, who won the Japan Series, voted against the

## Posting apocalypse

# \$51.7M

Under the previous posting agreement, Texas got Yu Darvish from the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters before the 2012 season for \$51,703,411 and gave him a \$56-million, six-year deal.

new posting agreement on Monday and say they want Tanaka to remain with them.

"We told him he is very important to us and we'd like him to stay," Tachibana said.

Under the rules of the three-year agreement announced Monday, a Japanese club may make players available between Nov. 1 and Feb. 1 and may set a price of up to \$20 million.

Starting with the day after a player is posted and continuing for 30 days, any big-league team willing to pay the fee may attempt to sign the player. A major-league team pays the posting fee only if it signs the player. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Guay wins training day

Seeking revenge on a course where changing weather robbed him of a victory a year ago, Canada's Erik Guay led World Cup downhill training on Thursday in Val Gardena, Italy. Guay was 0.22 seconds ahead of over-all leader Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway in second, and 0.72 seconds in front of Vancouver's Manuel Osborne-Paradis, who was third after the runs on the Saslong course. SHINICHIRO TANAKA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Skiing

### FIS begins testing airbag system in downhill training

A radical airbag system that could have a big impact on safety in skiing is being tested on the World Cup circuit for the first time this week, in Val Gardena, Italy.

Werner Heel of Italy and Jan Hudec of Canada wore the airbags behind their necks in downhill training Thursday.

Working with the International Ski Federation (FIS), the Italian manufacturer Dainese has been collecting information from skiers for four years to find the exact algorithm as to when the system should go into effect — in other words, at what point in a fall can a racer no longer regain control.

"We are very close," men's World Cup director Guenter Hujara said.

A similar airbag system has been in use in motorcycle racing since 2009.

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## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

|           | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF  | GA  | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Boston    | 34 | 23 | 9  | 2  | 94  | 70  | 48 |
| Montreal  | 36 | 21 | 12 | 3  | 91  | 76  | 45 |
| Tampa Bay | 34 | 20 | 11 | 3  | 93  | 82  | 43 |
| Detroit   | 36 | 15 | 12 | 9  | 91  | 99  | 39 |
| Toronto   | 36 | 17 | 16 | 3  | 99  | 105 | 37 |
| Ottawa    | 36 | 14 | 16 | 6  | 101 | 118 | 34 |
| Florida   | 35 | 13 | 17 | 5  | 81  | 110 | 31 |
| Buffalo   | 34 | 8  | 23 | 3  | 59  | 98  | 19 |

#### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

|              | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF  | GA  | Pt |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Pittsburgh   | 36 | 25 | 10 | 1  | 112 | 78  | 51 |
| Washington   | 34 | 18 | 13 | 3  | 107 | 102 | 39 |
| Carolina     | 34 | 14 | 13 | 7  | 79  | 94  | 35 |
| Philadelphia | 34 | 15 | 15 | 4  | 81  | 93  | 34 |
| NY Rangers   | 35 | 16 | 17 | 2  | 79  | 95  | 34 |
| New Jersey   | 35 | 14 | 15 | 6  | 83  | 87  | 34 |
| Columbus     | 34 | 14 | 16 | 4  | 87  | 95  | 32 |
| NY Islanders | 35 | 9  | 19 | 7  | 85  | 121 | 25 |

#### Wednesday's results

New Jersey 5 Ottawa 2  
Pittsburgh 4 NY Rangers 3 (SO)

#### Thursday's games

##### All Times Eastern

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

#### Friday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Phoenix at Ottawa, 2 p.m.  
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.  
Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

|           | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF  | GA  | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Chicago   | 37 | 25 | 7  | 5  | 138 | 102 | 55 |
| St. Louis | 33 | 22 | 7  | 4  | 114 | 80  | 48 |
| Colorado  | 33 | 22 | 10 | 1  | 96  | 78  | 45 |
| Minnesota | 36 | 20 | 11 | 5  | 84  | 83  | 45 |
| Dallas    | 33 | 16 | 12 | 5  | 95  | 101 | 37 |
| Nashville | 34 | 16 | 15 | 3  | 78  | 95  | 35 |
| Winnipeg  | 36 | 15 | 16 | 5  | 95  | 106 | 35 |

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

|             | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF  | GA  | Pt |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Anaheim     | 36 | 24 | 7  | 5  | 116 | 91  | 53 |
| Los Angeles | 35 | 23 | 8  | 4  | 97  | 68  | 50 |
| San Jose    | 34 | 21 | 7  | 6  | 112 | 84  | 48 |
| Vancouver   | 36 | 20 | 10 | 6  | 100 | 86  | 46 |
| Phoenix     | 33 | 18 | 10 | 5  | 105 | 103 | 41 |
| Calgary     | 34 | 13 | 16 | 5  | 86  | 108 | 31 |
| Edmonton    | 36 | 11 | 22 | 3  | 93  | 123 | 25 |

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Edmonton, 10 p.m.  
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

Minnesota at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

#### SCORING LEADERS

|                 | G  | A  | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|
| Crosby, Pgh     | 19 | 30 | 49  |
| Kane, Chi       | 20 | 26 | 46  |
| Malkin, Pgh     | 9  | 32 | 41  |
| Getzlaf, Ana    | 16 | 23 | 39  |
| Ovechkin, Wash  | 28 | 10 | 38  |
| Tavares, NYI    | 13 | 25 | 38  |
| Perry, Ana      | 22 | 15 | 37  |
| Backstrom, Wash | 8  | 29 | 37  |
| Steen, StL      | 22 | 14 | 36  |
| Thornton, SJ    | 5  | 31 | 36  |
| Kunitz, Pgh     | 18 | 17 | 35  |
| Sharp, Chi      | 16 | 18 | 34  |
| Marleau, SJ     | 15 | 19 | 34  |
| Seguin, Dal     | 18 | 15 | 33  |
| Toews, Chi      | 13 | 20 | 33  |
| Kessel, Tor     | 17 | 15 | 32  |
| Ryan, Ott       | 16 | 16 | 32  |

**Not including last night's games**

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB                |
|------------|----|----|------|-------------------|
| d-Indiana  | 20 | 5  | .800 | —                 |
| d-Miami    | 19 | 6  | .760 | 1                 |
| Atlanta    | 14 | 12 | .538 | 6 <sup>1/2</sup>  |
| d-Boston   | 12 | 15 | .444 | 9                 |
| Detroit    | 13 | 14 | .481 | 8                 |
| Charlotte  | 12 | 14 | .462 | 8 <sup>1/2</sup>  |
| Washington | 11 | 13 | .458 | 10 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Toronto    | 9  | 14 | .391 | 10                |

|              |   |    |      |                   |
|--------------|---|----|------|-------------------|
| Chicago      | 9 | 15 | .375 | 10 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Cleveland    | 9 | 15 | .375 | 10 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Brooklyn     | 9 | 16 | .360 | 11                |
| New York     | 8 | 17 | .320 | 12                |
| Orlando      | 8 | 18 | .308 | 12 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 19 | .269 | 13 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Milwaukee    | 5 | 20 | .200 | 15                |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

|                 | W  | L  | Pct  | GB               |
|-----------------|----|----|------|------------------|
| d-Oklahoma City | 20 | 4  | .833 | —                |
| Portland        | 22 | 5  | .815 | 1 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| d-San Antonio   | 20 | 5  | .800 | 1 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| d-L.A. Clippers | 18 | 9  | .667 | 3 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Houston         | 17 | 9  | .654 | 4                |
| Dallas          | 15 | 10 | .600 | 5 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Phoenix         | 14 | 10 | .583 | 6                |
| Denver          | 14 | 10 | .583 | 6                |

|              |    |    |      |                   |
|--------------|----|----|------|-------------------|
| Golden State | 14 | 12 | .538 | 7                 |
| Minnesota    | 13 | 13 | .500 | 8                 |
| L.A. Lakers  | 12 | 13 | .480 | 8 <sup>1/2</sup>  |
| New Orleans  | 11 | 13 | .458 | 9                 |
| Memphis      | 10 | 15 | .400 | 10 <sup>1/2</sup> |
| Sacramento   | 7  | 17 | .292 | 13                |
| Utah         | 7  | 21 | .250 | 15                |

x — clinched playoff berth; y — division; z — conference.

#### Thursday's results

Chicago at Oklahoma City  
San Antonio at Golden State

#### Friday's games

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

## NBA

### Kobe out again for six weeks

Kobe Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee.

The Lakers said Thursday that an MRI showed Bryant has a fracture of the lateral tibial plateau of his knee.

The team said Bryant had hyperextended the knee in Tuesday night's game at Memphis.

On Thursday afternoon, a tweet was posted on Bryant's official Twitter account that consisted solely of the hashtag: BrokenNotBeaten.

The injury is the latest setback for the Lakers star, who had only returned to the court on Dec. 8 after nearly eight months away because of a torn Achilles tendon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Kobe Bryant GETTY IMAGES

## NBA. Rodman undaunted by political turmoil in N. Korea

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrived in North Korea on Thursday to meet leader Kim Jong-un and put the finishing touches on plans to bring 12 ex-NBA players to Pyongyang for a Jan. 8 exhibition game marking the leader's birthday. Rodman said the game is on track despite the recent execution of Kim's uncle in a dramatic political purge.

Rodman's visit comes less than a week after North Korea announced the execution of

### 'The Worm' not worried

"I can't control what they do with their government."

Dennis Rodman in an interview from his Pyongyang hotel.

Jang Song-thaek, an unprecedented fall from grace for one of the most powerful figures in the country.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

A clash of opposing viewpoints is likely at work today. Because you need to get along with both sides, you must stay neutral. The best approach is to treat it all as a bit of a joke.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you find yourself up against a tough opponent today, you should back off and live to fight another day. The planets warn this is a battle you cannot win. The only sensible course is to withdraw, for now.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You don't have to be nice to people because you want to spare their feelings. If there is something that needs to be said, give it to them straight.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You would be wise to be on your guard over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone you work or do business with is being more than a little deceitful. Don't judge others by what they say, judge them by what they do.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A moment's hesitation could cause you grief — at the very least you will kick yourself for not trusting your instincts. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It may be good advice for them but it's not right for you.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Check facts today, especially those that a colleague says are OK and you don't have to worry about. If you give them the green light to proceed now, you may regret it later.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be tempted to do something drastic today but the planets warn the results are as likely to be negative as positive. Why not just wait a while and let the current situation work itself out?

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Be careful what you say. You could easily go over the top and let slip something that causes trouble. It might also cost you financially if others get the impression that you can't hold your tongue.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You appear to be having second thoughts about a plan that previously you thought was the key to success. Maybe you are right to hesitate but you are going to have to make a choice and stick with it.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It would appear that in your haste to get ahead, you have overlooked some small but important detail. Identify your mistake, correct it, move on.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A minor dispute could easily get out of hand today, especially if you insist that you are in the right and everyone else is wrong. You're not the only one who is stubborn, so a standoff is likely.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

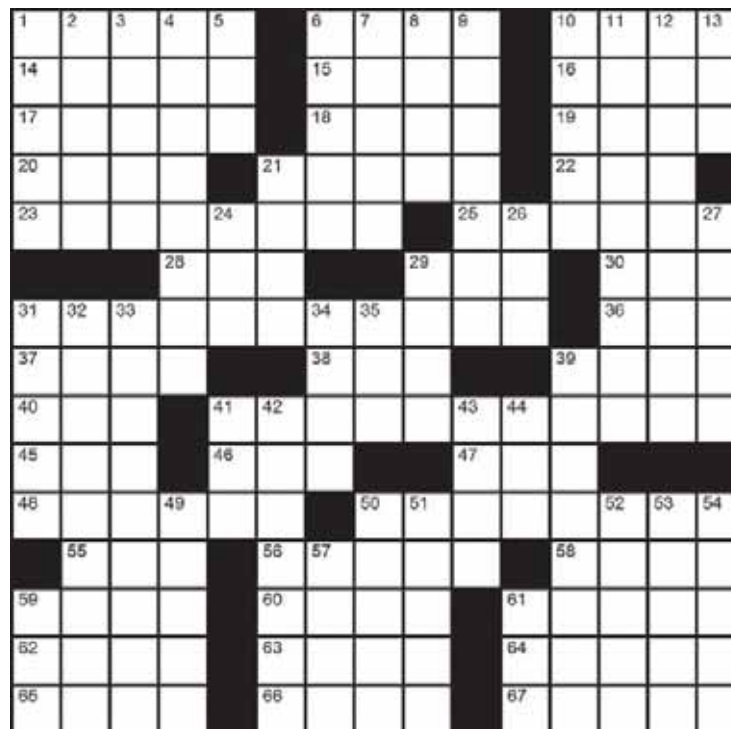
State your case today but don't get upset if others disagree and try to pick holes in your arguments. The world is a big enough place for all shades of opinion, so agree to disagree.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. December 21st, 1913: Invented by Arthur \_\_\_ of the New York World, the greatest game at #12-Down
6. Season
10. Inscribe
14. Grease again
15. Woodwind
16. Q. "Is '\_\_\_' way to abbreviate any coming-in plane?" A. "Yes."
17. Nets
18. Volcanic flow
19. London lockup
20. Weapon: French
21. More kind
22. Mr. Asner's
23. Bag type
25. Legal scholar
28. Cousin \_\_\_
29. Masc. opposite
30. Defunct airline
31. Canadian journalist on FOX News who was a MuchMusic host: 2 wds.
36. Particle
37. Ancient war god
38. Granny: German
39. Rope
40. Anderson Cooper's station
41. Will Ferrell's 'Anchorman': 2 wds.
45. Ms. Carpenter, for short
46. Alias, e.g.
47. Nice one?
48. Hockey's Conn \_\_\_ Trophy
50. 1924... Simon & \_\_\_: Publishers of the first book of #12-Downs (Trivia! Richard L. Simon is the father of the singer/songwriter at #9-Down)
55. Christmas \_\_\_
56. Archaic anesthetic



58. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
59. Cuckoos
60. Young farm animal
61. Fine cottons
62. Going \_\_\_ (Arguing): 2 wds.
63. Turkey, chicken, etc.
64. Fragrance
65. Unchanged: 2 wds.
66. Building extensions
67. "You're still the one \_\_\_ good night..." (Shania Twain line) **Down**

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- lettuce stuff)
7. Surprised, taken \_\_\_
8. Zero, in tennis
9. Bit of Carly Simon's "You're So Vain": "Then you flew your \_\_\_ up to Nova Scotia..."
10. Gung-ho
11. Custom
12. Puzzle celebrating its 100th Anniversary!
13. Mr. Holbrook
21. International\*org.
24. Gibraltar, e.g.
26. Hmms...
27. Actress Jessica
29. Herr's wife
31. Mr. Black's
32. Christmas Tree decorations
33. English king: name + Roman Numeral
34. \_\_\_ fide
35. Diplomatic bldg.
39. Pool table prop: 2 wds.
41. Hurray!
42. American painter Georgia
43. Industrial region of Germany
44. Wildebeest
49. Quizzes
50. Wrap
51. Lockups
52. Moviedom's Marisa
53. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. Respite
57. Hammer
59. US driving org.
61. 23rd Greek letter

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 |
| 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| 1 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 4 |

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| 9 |   |   |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |
|   | 5 | 2 | 9 |   | 3 |   | 6 |   |

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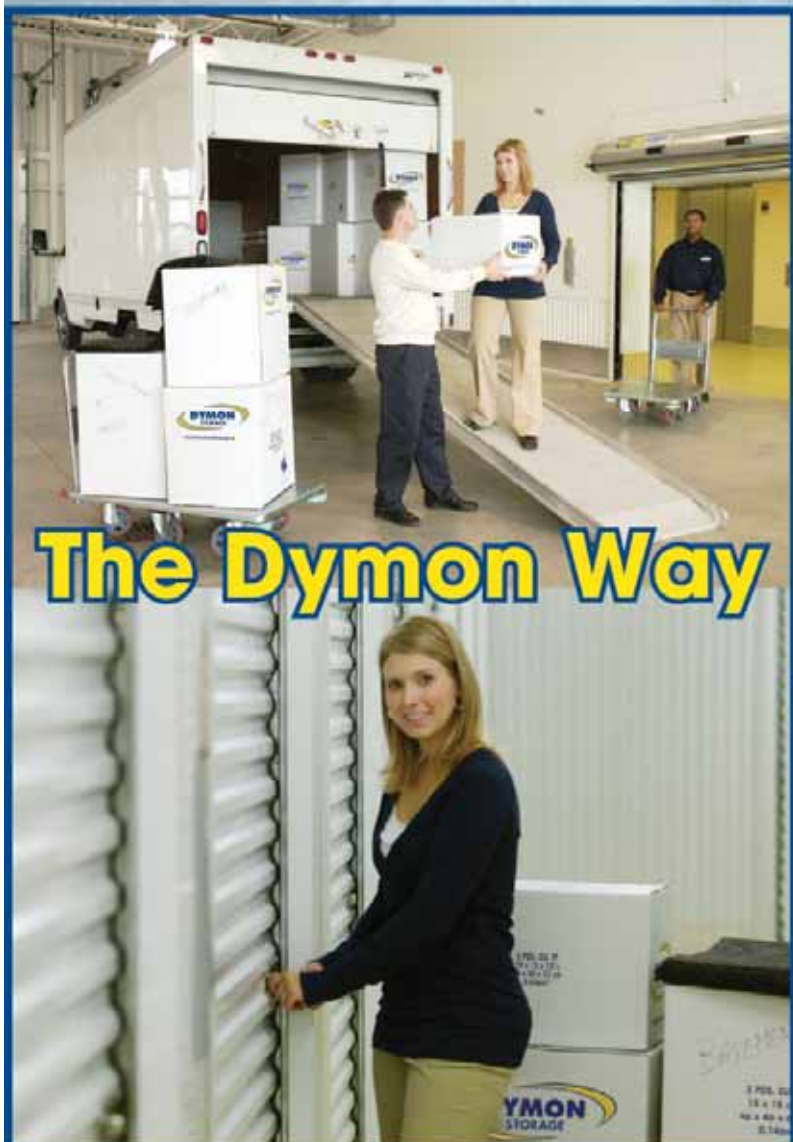
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Meet Lea.

She is in her senior year at the College Francaise in downtown Toronto, works not too far from there at our Flea Market on Spadina, and lives near Little Italy in her childhood home. Her dad is an interior designer from the UK and her mom is a francophone front/merchandiser whose job at Air Canada has allowed them to travel the world. Lea's been to Beijing, Shanghai, Turkey, Budapest, Croatia, and France, but her absolute favorite spot is Puerto Vallarta. As a kid Lea wanted to become famous – like Britney Spears, but as the teen idol “hell from grace”. Lea decided maybe it'd be a better idea to pursue a career where she could help troubled teens. She is now looking to go into Ryerson's Criminology program. Sometimes nicknamed Kobe for her height (that is, if you think 6'2" is tall), Lea is pretty hard to miss; when she's not busy with school or work, you'll most likely find her painting, drawing, or enjoying a plate of moles-itos.

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